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Social
Sciences:
Active
Global Learning,
Engagement**

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On the Cover

Senior psychology majors Nova Hinman and Ross Knoll and psychologist Dr. Charlotte vanOyen-Witvliet demonstrate their research concerning the physiological dimensions of forgiveness, measured by sensors that read each subject's response to remembering and thinking about past events. Collaborative faculty-student research is an award-winning hallmark of the psychology program, one of seven departments in the social science division, in which active engagement with the human condition and the world is a given.



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"Quote, unquote"

Quote, unquote is an eclectic sampling of things said at and about Hope College.



With the members of the freshman class having arrived from around the country and even across the globe, Opening Convocation speaker Dr. John Cox '67 began his formal address, appropriately enough, with an anecdote about seeking directions.

He presented his address, "Where Do We Go from Here?," on Sunday, Aug. 24, in the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse. Approximately 2,000, primarily new students and their families, attended the event, which marked the formal beginning of the college's 147th academic year.

Dr. Cox, who is the DuMez Professor of English, told a story of a traveler in Maine who received conflicting advice from two pedestrians when she sought their help. Following ever-increasing confusion, one of them finally told her ruefully, "You can't get there from here."

The education on which they were about to embark, Dr. Cox told the new students in the audience, might initially seem as confusing as that advice, but in the end it would prepare them to understand life's geography well enough to plot their own course, whatever the destination.

"If you haven't asked, 'Where do we go from here?' recently, I guarantee you will ask it many times during the next four years," he said. "In fact, one way to describe a Hope College education is that it is designed to help you ask that question well."

He noted that the students could expect, for example, to encounter conflicting opinions about a variety of issues—a process that he said

will itself be helpful. He quoted 17th-century poet John Milton, author of "Paradise Lost," who wrote, "Where there is much desire to learn, there of necessity will be much arguing, much writing, many opinions; for opinion in good [minds] is but knowledge in the making."

As a liberal arts college, Dr. Cox said, Hope will provide a broad base from which the students can conduct their explorations. "That kind of education in itself is an important resource for students as they pick up pieces of the truth in their attempt to answer the question, 'Where do we go from here?,'" he said.

The college's emphasis on educating "in the context of the historic Christian faith," he noted, will provide a source of hope and confidence in their search. "It means, for one thing, that though the truth is in pieces, and though human beings can never know it all, or even know any piece of it with absolute certainty, it nonetheless exists entire in God's view of things," Dr. Cox said. "Knowing that, we undertake the quest for truth with respect and humility."

Amid the uncertainty, he said, the students will not be left to quest alone. "Your teachers see their task not just as finding truth for God's sake and its own sake but for your sake," he said. "They see their purpose as enabling you to ask the question, 'Where do I go from here?' in the best possible way for yourself."

Ultimately, Dr. Cox said, the students should expect that the question of direction will persist throughout life. "Let me conclude with another guarantee: you will ask the question many times after you graduate," he said.

"You will not leave Hope College with all your questions answered, for reasons that I have tried to make clear," he said. "But the college will have done its job well if you graduate with an ability to ask the question 'Where do I go from here?' with confidence and, yes, with hope, the anchor of the soul, for which Hope College is named." ✍



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Nov. 7-9, Friday-Sunday—Parents' Weekend
 Nov. 27, Thursday--Thanksgiving Recess begins, 8 a.m.
 Dec. 1, Monday--Thanksgiving Recess ends, 8 a.m.
 Dec. 5, Friday--Last day of classes
 Dec. 8-12, Monday-Friday--Semester examinations
 Dec. 12, Friday—Residence halls close, 5 p.m.

ADMISSIONS

Campus Visits: The Admissions Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and from September through early June is also open from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays. Tours and admissions interviews are available during the summer as well as the school year. Appointments are recommended. **Visitation Days** offer specific programs for prospective students, including transfers and high school juniors and seniors. The programs show students and their parents a typical day in the life of a Hope student.

The days for 2008-09 are:
 Fri., Nov. 7 Fri., Jan. 30
 Fri., Nov. 14 Mon., Feb. 16
 Fri., Nov. 21 Fri., Feb. 27
 Mon., Jan. 19

For further information about any Admissions Office event, please call (616) 395-7850, or toll free 1-800-968-7850; check on-line at www.hope.edu/admissions; or write: Hope College Admissions Office; 69 E. 10th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI; 49422-9000.



DANCE

Student Dance Concerts—
 Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 18-19
 Dow Center, dance studio,
 8 p.m. Admission is free.
Student Dance Concerts—
 Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 24-25
 Knickerbocker Theatre, 8 p.m.
 Admission is free.

DE PREE GALLERY

"Leadership: Oliphant Cartoons and Sculpture from the Bush Years"—Through Sat., Nov. 22
 Works in a variety of media.
Juried Student Show—Monday, Dec. 1-Monday, Dec. 15
 Work by Hope students. There will be an opening reception on Mon. Dec. 1, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
The gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please call the gallery at (616) 395-7500 for more information. Admission to the gallery is free.



SPORTS SCHEDULES

Please visit the college online at www.hope.edu/athletics/winter.html for schedules for the winter athletic season, including men's basketball, women's basketball, and men's and women's swimming. Copies may be obtained by calling (616) 395-7860.



GREAT PERFORMANCE SERIES

CityMusic Cleveland—Thursday, Nov. 6: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
Chuchito Valdes Quartet—Friday, Jan. 16: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
Aquila Theatre—Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.
Quartet San Francisco—Tuesday, March 31: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$17 for regular admission, \$12 for senior citizens, and \$6 for children under 18 and Hope students, and are available at the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse.

THEATRE

1940's Radio Hour—Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 20-22, and Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 24 and 25
 DeWitt Center, main theatre, 8 p.m.

Tickets for Hope College Theatre productions are \$7 for regular admission and \$4 for senior citizens and students, and are available at the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse.



MUSIC

Orchestra and Wind Symphony—Friday, Nov. 7: Dimnent Memorial Chapel, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Jazz Combos—Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 10-11: Wichers Auditorium of Nykerk Hall of Music, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Vocal Jazz Workshop—Wednesday, Nov. 12: De Pree Art Center, gallery, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Liederabend—Tuesday, Nov. 18: Semelink Auditorium of Western Theological Seminary, 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Women's Chamber Choir--
 Monday, Nov. 24: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, corner of 13th Street and Maple Avenue in Holland, Mich., 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.
Christmas Vespers—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 6-7: Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The services will be on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The public sale of tickets will take place on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at the ticket office in the main lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse. Tickets are \$7 each, with a limit of four per person.

INSTANT INFORMATION

Updates on events, news and athletics at Hope may be obtained online 24 hours a day at www.hope.edu/pr/events.html.

ALUMNI, PARENTS & FRIENDS

Parents' Weekend—Friday-Sunday, Nov. 7-9
Winter Happening—Sat., Jan. 31
 Includes multiple seminars and home winter sports action.
Alumni Weekend—Friday-Sunday, May 1-3.
 Includes reunions for every fifth class, '44 through '84.

For more information concerning the above events, please call the Office of Public and Community Relations at (616) 395-7860 or the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (616) 395-7250 or visit the Alumni Association Web site at: www.hope.edu/alumni/.



TRADITIONAL EVENTS

Nykerk Cup Competition—Saturday, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
Christmas Vespers—Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 6-7
Baccalaureate and Commencement—Sunday, May 3

JACK RIDL VISITING WRITERS SERIES

Tuesday, Nov. 18—Toni Blackman, hip hop artist
 Monday, Feb. 16—Lynne Thompson, GLCA New Writers Award winner
 Wednesday, March 11—Francine Prose, novelist
 Wednesday, April 15—Minton Sparks, spoken-word artist, with John Jackson, guitarist
The readings will be at the Knickerbocker Theatre beginning at 7 p.m. Live music by the Jazz Chamber Ensemble will precede the readings beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

TICKET SALES

For events with advance ticket sales, the ticket office in the front lobby of the DeVos Fieldhouse is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be called at (616) 395-7890.



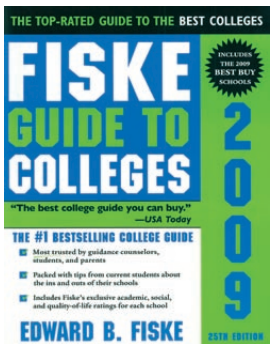


NATIONAL HONOR: For the third year in a row, the college's Alcor chapter of Mortar Board has received the "Golden Torch Award" for excellence during the national organization's annual summer conference. Hope's chapter was one of 27 recipients nationwide, and was recognized as one of five finalists for the "Ruth Weimer

Mount Chapter Excellence Award."

The event's awards program recognized activities during the preceding school year. Hope also received three "Project Excellence" awards during the July 25-27 conference: for the chapter's prom for adult foster-home residents with disabilities; full college scholarships for eight students in Tanzania; and Homecoming children's-book drive. The prom and scholarship programs had also received "Project Excellence Awards" during the 2007 conference.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc



GUIDANCE: Hope continues its strong showing in national college and university guides.

Hope remains in the first tier among the nation's best liberal arts colleges as determined by *U.S. News and World Report*, ranking 88th in the publication's 2009 *America's Best Colleges Guide*. The college also

continues to be included among the 33 select institutions listed in the publication's "Programs to Look For" section in the category singling out schools that are outstanding for "Undergraduate Research/Creative Projects."

The college is also one of the approximately 310 schools included in the latest *Fiske Guide to Colleges* as "the country's best and most interesting colleges and universities." The 2009 edition notes that "Hope's academic and athletic programs continue to grow and prosper," quoting one senior as observing that "Hope is a place where students are challenged to become better students, but, more importantly, better people."

Hope is one of 159 schools receiving "Best in the Midwest" designation from *The Princeton Review*. In addition, Hope ranks 166th nationally on the new *America's Best Colleges* guide that debuted on *Forbes.com* in August, placing third among the 15 Michigan institutions included in the listing.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc

CHRISTMAS GIFT:

A holiday project organized by Student Congress is designed to produce a lasting gift—and the entire Hope family is invited to participate.

Student Congress is sponsoring the "HOPE Tree" to raise funds for an endowed scholarship at the college that will support students who have demonstrated exemplary leadership. The support will come through the sale of ornaments and bows to decorate the tree, which will be placed in the rotunda of the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication in November. The more ornamented the tree, the greater the level of support.

The ornaments and bows are available through Student Congress for \$25, \$50 and \$100. Checks should be made payable to Hope College with "Hope Tree Scholarship" in the memo line and then mailed to: Hope College; Attn Lance Pellow; 141 E. 12th St.; PO Box 9000; Holland, MI 49422-9000. More information may be obtained through Student Congress via e-mail at congress@hope.edu or by calling (616) 395-7881.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc



EDUCATIONAL TOUR:

A rich heritage spanning Antiquity through the present will be highlighted during the educational trip featuring South America in October 2009 being planned for alumni and friends of the college.

The 13-day trip will include stops in Peru, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay. Highlights will range from the Machu Picchu Incan archaeological site, to the beaches of Vina del Mar, to cosmopolitan Buenos Aires. Woven throughout will be the thread of the region's history—from the civilization of the Pre-Columbian peoples, to the advent of European settlement, to the ongoing contributions of the area and its peoples to the world.

The tour will be led by Alfredo Gonzales, associate provost and dean for international and multicultural education at Hope, along with tour manager Louke Meulman, who has escorted many previous Hope tours, and local guides. Gonzales is also hoping to connect with and involve Hope alumni living in the areas being visited.

Organized through Carlson Wagonlit Travel of Holland, Mich., the tour will originate and conclude in Grand Rapids, Mich., and will include 11 nights. Additional information may be obtained through the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, (616) 395-7250, alumni@hope.edu or online at www.hope.edu/alumni.



ENROLLMENT RECORD: For the seventh year in a row, Hope has enrolled a record number of students.

The college has 3,238 students this year, a dozen more than last year's record total of 3,226. It is the 10th time in the past 11 years that Hope has set an overall enrollment record.

The total includes 808 first-time students, the third-highest total in the college's history. Hope had a record number of first-time students last fall with 819.

The student body consists of 1,301 men and 1,937 women from 42 states and 30 foreign countries.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc



ELECTORAL COLLEGE: The 2008 race for

the U.S. Second Congressional District in Michigan, which includes the Hope campus, is very much a Hope contest: both the challenger and the incumbent have strong ties to the college.



Dr. Fred Johnson



Pete Hoekstra '75

Democratic challenger Dr. Fred Johnson is an associate professor of history at Hope, where he has taught since 2000. Republican incumbent Pete Hoekstra, who has held the office since 1992, is a 1975 Hope graduate. Both candidates participated in a debate on campus on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

HOPE IN PICTURES:

Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope. At right is a moment from this fall's "Time to Serve," during which hundreds of students volunteer throughout the community. The event is geared particularly toward new students, to give them a chance to meet classmates while also learning about service opportunities in the area.

More ONLINE www.hope.edu/pr/gallery





Leading in a Shrinking and Serving World

Active engagement isn't just an idea in the social science division; it's right there in the name.

Although each does its work with a distinct focus, the seven departments in the division—communication; economics, management and accounting; education; kinesiology; political science; psychology; and sociology and social work—share a common purpose in exploring the relational, social nature of the human condition and preparing students to lead and serve locally and globally as the world shrinks and those relationships become ever more complex.

“There are three themes that connect all the departments in our division: people, institutions and social systems,” said Dr. Richard Ray, who is dean for the social sciences and professor of kinesiology. “All of our departments work to one extent or another with all of those things.”

“What we’re all about in our division is helping students to understand how and why people behave the way they do—both alone and in groups,” he said.

“Lives of Leadership and Service”

Theory and application combine across the division in preparing students to lead and serve not only within their chosen fields but as members of their communities.

One way it happens is through student involvement in original research projects, either in collaboration with members of the faculty or through independent projects conducted with the guidance of a faculty member. Students engage in such work division-wide, often earning co-author credit on publications in scholarly journals and the opportunity to make presentations at national professional conferences.

It's quality work. This past spring, for example, two teams of psychology students received Regional Research Awards from the Midwestern chapter of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, the ninth year in a row that Hope students received the honor and the third consecutive year that at least two Hope projects were honored.

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Senior **Katie Oxendine** of Sterling Heights, Mich., is a special education major who hopes to teach abroad. She has tutored and mentored elementary- and high-school age students locally, and this summer provided health-education training in Nkuv, Cameroon, using a curriculum she helped develop for a Hope interdisciplinary service project. “These activities have provided me with a variety of real and practical experiences that assist me in making connections to concepts and practices learned in courses.”



“We have a university-level research program with liberal arts college class size and attention to students,” said Dr. Scott Vander Stoep ’87, who is a professor of psychology and chairperson of the department. “Our faculty are making major contributions to the field, and instead of graduate students we’re collaborating with undergraduate students.”

In addition to such research experiences, the division’s departments offer myriad opportunities for students to put their learning into action, through internships or through additional departmental or college activities.

Students in education, for example, begin placements in area schools with their first course. Additional programs connected to the division also include the Children’s After School Achievement (CASA) program, Upward Bound and Project TEACH, all of which provide mentoring opportunities for students. In fact, more than 100 students college-wide serve as volunteer tutors with CASA’s elementary-age children each year.

Accounting students and sociology and social work students alike hold internships in the community as a part of their major programs. Management students engage in projects on behalf of area organizations. Students focusing on athletic training assume significant responsibility working with the college’s athletic teams—and some 600 students from all disciplines participate in intercollegiate athletics itself. Communication students can put their lessons into practice through involvement with campus media such as the *Anchor* weekly student newspaper and WTHS

Seniors **Shannon Craig** of Naperville, Ill., and **Anne Schmidt** of Redford, Mich., are political science majors who intend on careers in public service. Shannon, double-majoring in history, is president of the Hope Democrats and serving as deputy campaign manager for Hope professor Fred Johnson’s campaign for Michigan’s 2nd Congressional seat (please see page five), and was previously Barack Obama’s field director for students in Michigan. “My involvement in the 2008 campaign season and involvement in previous election seasons have been extremely important to me as it allowed me to put into practice that which I learned in class,” she said. Anne is serving as liaison between the John McCain campaign and the Hope Republicans, and coordinated his visit to campus in January. “Political involvement is the only way to learn how the government and electoral process works in practice,” she noted.



FM radio station. Political science students play an active role in the political process through the Hope Democrats and the Hope Republicans.

While lessons of leadership and service are often implicit, in communication they are also guided explicitly through “Leadership Skills and Perspectives,” which blends the study of leadership theory with service-learning projects in the community.

“We have a unique role because of the nature of Hope College to address the moral and ethical dimension of communication,” said Dr. Deirdre Johnston, professor of communication and chairperson of the department. “That’s throughout our curriculum.”

“How do we increase the moral accountability of society? That is at the center of the way that we teach about leadership,” she said.

“In a Global Society”

The college revised its mission statement during 2007-08 to reflect the importance of preparing graduates to live and serve in an increasingly interconnected world. Although the idea is newly made formal in the mission statement, it’s long been expressed by the division’s departments in a variety of ways.

“I really love the new mission of the college, and one of the reasons is that it’s absolutely consistent with what our mission is as a department,” said Dr. Deborah Weiss ’75 Sturtevant, professor of sociology and social work and chairperson of the department, whose own research program, as noted in the story which follows on page 10, emphasizes child welfare internationally.

She also appreciates that students value the emphasis. “It’s become clear to me as a professor over the years that not only has our society become more global, but our students have developed a more global perspective,” she said. “Increasingly students are seeking greater understanding through the curriculum and also through experience.”

Some examples among many of the opportunities that they find at Hope: Students in communication can formally explore the impact of globalization from their discipline’s perspective through the department’s honors course, and students in both communication and education were among those who participated in the college’s service project in Nkuv, Cameroon, this past summer. Economist Dr. Victor Claar and Vicki ten Haken ’73 of the management faculty each recently held Fulbright awards to teach and conduct research in Armenia and Poland respectively, experiences that now inform their classroom teaching; the department has featured a management May Term in London for many years, and in more recent years has been offering a May Term based

in rural Mexico. The athletic training program has connections with Technos University in Japan, and Steve Smith of the kinesiology faculty has led a spring break mission trip to aid a school for the deaf in Jamaica for 18 years. In political science, faculty members share their research expertise—and involve students in their research—in topics such as African policy, global feminisms and global poverty; students participating in the department’s Washington Honors Semester have obtained internships with international agencies.

The college’s emphasis on approaching learning and life with an understanding of the variety of perspectives to be found globally is reflected in the way that the programs seek to connect with and understand the needs of diverse populations domestically as well. For example, students in sociology and social work have held internships with local programs such as the English as a Second Language program run by Latin Americans United for Progress. Students conducting research with psychologist Dr. Lorna Hernandez Jarvis have been studying the experience of area Latino adolescents.

Accordingly, while the department of education has for many years had an exchange relationship with Liverpool Hope University in England, the program has also long provided cross-cultural experiences in the U.S. for its pre-service teachers, from a May Term at the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, to student-teaching placements in urban settings in cities including Chicago, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

“We think it’s essential that our students get out of their comfort zone and challenge themselves socially, culturally and intellectually, and it works,” said Dr. Richard Mezeske ’69, professor of education and chairperson of the department, which in

Senior **Ayannah Abiade** of Kalamazoo, Mich., who studied in Buenos Aires last year, is majoring in communication and Spanish, and hopes to work in public relations for a large U.S. company in Latin America. “The most helpful aspect of the communication department is the willingness of the teachers to take extra time out of their schedules to meet with individual students.”



2007 tied for first from among all teacher-preparation institutions in the state in a report from Michigan’s Department of Education.

“These different experiences give our students more tools to make decisions about teaching and learning,” he said. “The compilation of all of them together makes for a well-informed pre-service teacher. It gives them options in their decision making. It makes for a better-informed, more balanced teacher.”

Historic Christian Faith

Learning blended with application. Global engagement. Excellence in the pursuit of both. The institutional and divisional priorities are shaped and informed by the historic Christian faith which has provided the context for the Hope education since the 1860s.

“The Christian dimension is the contextual part of the mission,” said Dr. Jeffrey Polet, associate professor of political science and chairperson of the department. “All of these things will be taking place in the context of developing a vibrant and reflective Christian faith. In fact, our Christian faith requires us to be academically excellent.”

“If we’re dealing with a particular issue, how does it shape our understanding of our faith?,” he said. “How does our faith shape our understanding of the issue?”

Dr. Mark Northuis ’82, professor of kinesiology and chairperson of the department, as well as coach of the men’s and women’s cross country teams, appreciates that Hope makes possible a richer discussion and deeper sense of purpose than can be found at an institution that removes faith from the mix.

“There are some colleges and universities that develop the mind and body, but they stop there,” he said. “We go one step further, and work with the spirit as well. We view that as an important component; that we have an eternal purpose.”

Dr. Thomas Smith, who is the Dr. Leon A. Bosch ’29 Professor of Management and Chairperson of the Department, believes that the college’s faith dimension adds a crucial, guiding component to discussions of topics such as ethics.

“We can have those conversations,” he said. “Why should I be acting that way?” is one of the key things that we can get at.”

“We in the department find it quite freeing,” Dr. Smith said. “It would be stifling to be in the situation of some other schools that can’t talk about those issues.”

Similarly, he noted, the perspective guides the way that the program considers the paths that its students are traveling and how best to help them.

“We’re interested in a relational education with students where we can put them into a situation where they can serve others,” Dr. Smith said. “We want them to be in the right place. We think that God has called them, and there are some places where they can serve better.”

“Where are the global needs? Locally there are needs as well,” Dr. Smith said. “Where are your passions, and where do those collide?” 🙌



Senior **Jon Hatfield** of Midland, Mich., is majoring in psychology and management; his co-curricular activities include serving as president of the Baker Scholars, a group of students selected based on leadership potential to engage in learning experiences through the department. “What I love most about management classes at Hope is the emphasis on reflection. I am constantly challenged to think critically about what God is really calling me to do with my life.”





Service-Learning Lessons Shape the Future



Students play an active role in Dr. Deborah Weiss '75 Sturtevant's research program, which focuses on helping developing nations establish their own systems for caring for children. Bethany Braaksma and Katie Kelly are both working with her as she prepares to travel to Africa later this year, and Kelly helped her organize and made presentations during a conference in China this past summer.

Dr. Deborah Weiss '75 Sturtevant of the social work faculty understands about making dreams happen.

She grew up in Holland, Mich., in a family that didn't have experience with college-level education. It was during a visit to a place called Hope that she began to imagine the possibilities.

"The first time I came on this campus, I went to a leadership conference for high school students in Dimnent Chapel," she said. "I sat in that building and thought, 'I want to go to this college.'"

She was so determined that she not only went to Hope, but arranged to dual-enroll as a high school senior and thus get an early start on college. She graduated with a teaching degree in only three years.

Early in her career, she taught at a boarding school for Native Americans. There she saw that many of the children had emotional and social needs that she found herself particularly moved to address, leading her to shift to social work as her way of opening up possibilities in young lives. The trajectory ultimately returned her to Holland and Hope where she continues her work on behalf of children in a broader way even as she now also serves as a mentor to new generations of Hope students.

Her research focuses on helping developing nations establish their own systems for caring for children, work that has taken—or will soon take—her to four continents. This summer, she and senior research assistant Katie Kelly helped organize a conference in China to train trainers who are now working with local practitioners focused on child welfare. She previously had studied child-welfare non-governmental organizations working in Romania. In the coming year she will be in Central America and Africa, both to learn more

"I really support the concept of working with undergraduate students in the research process. They realize so much more what the career possibilities are when they can connect with faculty in that way."

— Dr. Deborah Weiss '75 Sturtevant

about the needs involved and to work with organizations and individuals there to help meet them.

"For me, the measure of civil society is how we care for kids," Dr. Sturtevant said. "Children must endure the fallout of wars, famines, AIDS and poverty, and it's a compounding problem internationally."

"My passion in my career is to find ways to work with both our own country and other countries to improve conditions for children," she said. "I'm trying to work with other countries to think about how they develop child welfare systems. We take for granted in our society the importance of child development, attachment, family systems, nutrition and health care, and also that we have systems like foster care, adoption and social services, but it's not so in some other countries in the world."

Hope students play an essential role as collaborators in her projects and, crucially, learn vital skills as they prepare for their own careers. It's activity for which they have even earned acclaim while at Hope, such as selection for participation in National Council on Undergraduate Research conferences and the Council on Undergraduate Research's "Posters on the Hill" event in Washington, D.C.

"All along students have been included in my research," Dr. Sturtevant said. "I really support the concept of working with undergraduate students in the research process. They realize so much more what the career possibilities are when they can connect with faculty in that way."

For the conference in China, Kelly not only helped put together the presentations in advance but led the section on child abuse and neglect, took the notes and wrote the follow-up report. In addition, Dr. Sturtevant noted, Kelly contributed valuable perspective through having lived in China since she was 14, providing understanding of the culture as they sought to work with—and not simply speak at—those attending.

"It's really important to me that we do our work in an appropriate cultural context," Dr. Sturtevant said. "I try to approach it from the perspective of learning from each other."

Kelly appreciates the benefits in her research experience. Most immediately, her work with the conference helped her land an internationally focused internship this fall with Bethany Christian Services, which had also been involved in the event. "It's definitely, without question, been a great opportunity for my future," she said.

She has also appreciated Dr. Sturtevant's approach as both a mentor and a scholar.

"She's been a great guide. She really becomes your friend and is so inviting," Kelly said. "I love how she has an openness, too, to exploring different cultures."

Even as she works with Hope students on child welfare internationally, Dr. Sturtevant pursues a variety of projects locally, work that also involves Hope students. During the 2007-08 school year, for example, she held a "Brighter Futures" grant from Michigan Campus Compact and Federal Learn and Serve for additional programming, coordinated by then-senior Lisa Pusinelli, for the Children's After School Achievement and Upward Bound programs at Hope.

Monique Hoyle '07 worked with Dr. Sturtevant on one such project, identifying health needs in the Holland community and working with area agencies to design programs to address those needs. Among other work, Hoyle helped develop a survey of area churches and made a presentation concerning the results during a conference held on campus.

This past year, she was a volunteer teacher in an after-school program for disadvantaged children in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. This fall, she has enrolled in an MSW program at the University of Michigan, with a focus on community organization and health.

"My work with Deb has directly impacted my career choice," Hoyle said. "Being able to assist a professional who works so effectively at the community level inspired me to pursue that direction for my career. The social work

program at Hope is excellent, and I feel like it has prepared me well for graduate school and the profession itself."

Social work as a discipline embodies service nearly by definition, but Dr. Sturtevant appreciates that there is a deeper motivation at work within the Hope community as well. She notes that one of her most meaningful experiences during her two decades on the faculty has been participating in a spring break mission trip that centered on an orphanage in Guatemala.

"That was really a highlight in my career, being in that place and with those students, learning and working together in that orphanage," she said. "I so admired seeing them express their faith in that way—it wasn't just about building and using career skills for them. I think that for each of us that go to Hope, that foundation of faith and values are part of what we bring to the career experiences that we have in the world."

Correspondingly, even as she looks abroad through her research she is also interested in developing more opportunities for students whatever their discipline and career path.

"Regardless of what job that people have in life, they can make a contribution through service and philanthropy in the future," Dr. Sturtevant said. "Part of the inspiration is to stretch people to achieve their dreams and to reach higher and to realize that they can make a difference in the world whatever their position in life." ✨



Dr. Deborah Weiss '75 Sturtevant's research has taken her to four continents. Here she participates in the conference "Every Child Deserves a Family," held in Nanjing, China, earlier this year.





Embracing New Opportunities

By Heather Vander Plaats

Betsy Huizenga '06 doesn't hesitate to venture into unfamiliar territory. "I really like being out of my comfort zone because I'm forced to grow in so many ways," she said.

During her college years and since, Huizenga has sought out many opportunities to meet new people, discover other cultures, and hone her teaching and Spanish language skills.

Last July, the 24-year-old native of Zeeland, Mich. returned to her hometown after having lived in Tegucigalpa, Honduras for two years. There, she taught fourth grade to native Honduran children and, in the process, grew to love her adopted country and Latin American culture.

This fall, she's drawing on her time abroad to take on two new roles: teaching in a newly established Spanish Immersion program at Zeeland Christian School and creating curriculum for Small Talk for Kids, a new

"Hope gave me many opportunities to be involved in new things that were a stretch for me."

– Betsy Huizenga '06



As a first-grade teacher in a Spanish-language immersion classroom, Betsy Huizenga '06 values the opportunity to help students grow in their understanding of people of other cultures.

organization that teaches world languages to young children.

Huizenga's desire to teach grew out of her passion for people, particularly children. In high school, she volunteered at a local elementary school and after-school program, and had a summer job at a preschool learning center. At the same time, she was developing a deep interest in the Spanish language – thanks to several inspirational Spanish teachers and a class trip to Spain.

"When I started looking at colleges, it was really important for me to choose a place that offered a lot of options as far as studying abroad and doing service trips," Huizenga said. "I remember sitting down with Amy Otis-De Grau [with Hope's International Education Office] and she told me that wherever I wanted to go, she would find a way to get me there."

As Huizenga began studying elementary education and Spanish at Hope, she searched out activities that would complement what she was learning in the classroom. During her first two years at Hope, she went on Spring Break

mission trips to Cuba and the Dominican Republic. She was also involved with many service activities, including with the Children's After School Achievement (CASA) program as a volunteer tutor, the Center for Volunteer Services, Dance Marathon and Relay for Life.

In the spring of 2004, she studied abroad at Hope's Vienna Summer School, taking classes in the morning, exploring the city in the afternoons and traveling on the weekends. "During that time, I grew as an individual and became more independent," she said. "Those few weeks there also gave me the bug to want to live somewhere abroad for even longer."

So she did. In January 2005, Huizenga embarked on a six-month study abroad program in Buenos Aires, Argentina, made possible through a partnership between Hope and the Council on International Educational Exchange. Prior to leaving Michigan, Huizenga didn't know any other students participating in the program. Once she arrived in Buenos Aires, she lived with a local family and studied at a nearby public university,

often finding herself the only foreigner in her classes. It was an invaluable experience.

"In those six months, I went from having headaches every day from thinking so hard and not knowing what anyone was saying, to speaking Spanish without really having to think," she recalled. "I also really immersed myself in the culture there and developed some wonderful friendships with Argentineans."

Huizenga's tendency to repeatedly undertake out-of-the-box challenges caught the attention of Dr. Tony Donk, professor of education and one of Huizenga's faculty advisors. He credits her "spirit of adventure" for much of her learning and growth, both at Hope and beyond.

"Her independent mindset and her capacity to live life to the fullest and seek out all kinds of opportunities has put her in a position to experience the really wonderful things she has," he said.

During her senior year, Huizenga knew she wanted to teach abroad after graduation.

Foremost in her mind was working in a developing country, and so she didn't hesitate to apply when a recruiter from the International School of Tegucigalpa visited Hope. Her two years in Honduras gave her a new perspective on poverty and on teaching in a developing nation, as well as reinforced her respect for the Latino people and their emphasis on relationships.

"Now that I'm back in Zeeland, when I hear people speak Spanish, I automatically feel a connection with them," she said. "One of my priorities is to return the love I received from the people in Honduras to the Latinos that live right here in the Holland/Zeeland area, and to help others see the beauty of their culture. It's why I've chosen to do the work I do now."

Huizenga is teaching first grade in the El Puente Spanish Immersion program. Using songs, rhyme, movement and more, she introduces her class to the Spanish language little by little. Students in the program remain in an immersion setting through fifth grade and then move into traditional classrooms, taking course work in Spanish throughout middle school and high school to maintain their fluency.

At Small Talk for Kids, Huizenga's role is a bit different. Instead of teaching, she and a colleague work together to develop curriculum for Spanish language classes. The organization welcomes the youngest learners

– children ranging from six months to five years old – engaging them with lullabies, story-telling, games and nursery rhymes.

"It's so important to teach kids that there's much to learn from people of other cultures," Huizenga said. "When kids learn another language, they are able to act as a bridge in the future – connecting different worlds that are, unfortunately, separated way too often."

Dr. Donk, who has kept in touch with Huizenga since she left Hope, sees a deep commitment in her to become the best teacher she can possibly be. "When I talk with her about issues related to what she's doing in the classroom, it's clear to me that she's not simply trying to get by – she's striving to do the best that she can for her students. And she knows there will always be more to learn."

To that end, Huizenga plans to begin her master's degree in language acquisition soon. She also hopes to teach abroad again sometime down the road. For now, though, she's excited about her new challenges in Zeeland, and she's thankful for the part Hope played in her growth.

"Hope gave me many opportunities to be involved in new things that were a stretch for me," she said. "I had to take the initiative to get involved in these things, but once I did, they just really expanded my interests. I found the beauty in trying new things and loved the growth I experienced." 🌱



Betsy Huizenga '06 and her young charges during her two years teaching in Honduras. Experiences studying abroad at Hope both supported and informed her interest in linking teaching and international understanding.



Teamwork makes the dream work

By Greg Chandler

Bob Estochen pulled up in front of Wyckoff and Scott halls on the south side of Hope's campus in a rented truck, filled with belongings of his son, Sam, and two other incoming Hope students.

Within seconds, about 20 Hope students, wearing bright orange T-shirts, descended on Estochen's truck.

"Hi, welcome to Hope!" one of the students said. "Can we help you?"

Estochen knew the drill. Four years earlier, he had dropped off his daughter, Meghan Estochen '08 Smith, to begin her studies at Hope.

"Knowing this was going to greet us made me feel comfortable driving this truck," said Estochen, who had just finished driving 10 hours from his hometown of Marion, N.Y.

One after another, student orientation assistants grabbed a box or crate to carry out of Estochen's truck. Over the next 10 minutes, they carried Sam's belongings to his room in Wyckoff, as well as those belonging to Tori Williams and Amanda VanderByl, who are also from New York State.

For students new to Hope, the greeting marks the start of orientation weekend, an intensive four-day period that introduces them to college life and what they can expect at Hope.



Small-group discussion and activities across Orientation Weekend help new students get acquainted with both each other and their new Hope College home. The sessions are led by upperclassmen like Rachel Bakken and Diego Romero (orange shirts in the photo above), for whom giving back by helping the newest generation of students is a priority.

"This weekend gives the freshman a chance to get acquainted with the campus and some of the Hope students without being overwhelmed by everyone moving in," said Diego Romero, a senior from Holland, Mich., who served as one of the orientation assistants. "It gives them a chance to define Hope for themselves."

Dr. Richard Frost, vice president of student development and dean of students, considers orientation a crucial part of a student's experience at the college.

"I think it's one of the essential steps of providing that transition to students of what we are academically, what they can expect personally, and how we engage the Christian faith," Dr. Frost said.

Students play a leading role in creating the orientation program, with two seniors, Doug Fujawa of Schoolcraft, Mich., and Anna Finger of Anderson, Ind. serving as the program's directors.

"I know how tough it can be to come to college, both for the new student and their families," Fujawa said. "I wanted to be a part of the process that eased their nerves and left them feeling comfortable with where they

were sending their son or daughter."

Rachel Bakken, a senior from Golden, Colo., recalled her experience going through orientation as a freshman and how it shaped her decision to become an orientation assistant. She credits the assistants she had for making her feel welcome and accepted from the outset.

"They were friendly, cared for my group, and really wanted the best transition for us," Bakken said. "I just hope I am that OA for the new students in our group and all the new students and parents I talk to."

"When I participate in orientation as a leader, we are continuing one of the great Hope traditions and passing on our love of Hope College to the new students."

— Rachel Bakken '09

The next morning, students gather in the DeWitt Center for a seminar on deciding on a major and choosing a career direction, a discussion that is led by representatives from the CrossRoads Project and Hope's Career Center. Academic interest sessions are held for students thinking about careers in education, pre-law, health, nursing, engineering and the arts.

"We are trying to set the tone right away (of what our expectations are), so there's not a lot of confusion as to why they're here," Dr. Frost said.

In the early afternoon, students meet with their orientation assistants – usually two assistants for each team of about 10 incoming students. Bakken and Romero are working together and have their group meet in the Pine Grove area, between VanderWerf Hall and the Schaap Science Center. Bakken and Romero each wear #11 on their T-shirts, signifying their group number, so that students can easily locate them.

The group plays several games, including one in which each of the students takes a colored Skittle candy and describes something about themselves. For example, if a student is handed a red Skittle, he or she has to describe something they're passionate about.

The students also talk about what community means to them, and the assistants also talk about the significance of community in the life of Hope.

"You're going to notice that it's a very bonded community," Romero tells students. "It's up to you to create the community you want."

The assistants also address some heavier issues, such as Hope's policy on alcohol, during the three-hour group session. Afterward, it's on to the First-Year Seminar Class, where students meet their academic advisors for the first time.

Later, it's on to the Dow Center for Playfair, a series of interactive games designed to get students to know each other, followed by a luau in the parking lot of the DePree Art Center.

"It gets them out there and helps them meet new people," Romero said. "It keeps them aware that there's stuff to do, and not just hang out in your own room."

Sunday brings the first worship service at Dimnent Chapel, followed by the opening convocation at DeVos Fieldhouse. Sam Estochen says he was hooked on Hope's chapel program very quickly.

"It reminds me of my youth group (from high school), with the worship band," Estochen said. "It's a great feeling."

On Monday, students meet with their advisors individually and discuss their classes. They also can attend a job fair at the Dow Center to learn about on-campus employment. That night, there's an activities fair where students can learn about serving in student government or get involved in a particular organization.

"At college, you need to be a participant in the life of the college from day one," Dr. Frost said. "We don't expect you to be a spectator, but an engaged member of our community."

Sam Estochen credits orientation for helping him adjust quickly to life as a college student. "I know a lot more people than I would have at this point had I not gone through it," he said. 🙌



Diego Romero and Rachel Bakken were among the more than 150 upperclassmen who make Move-In Day a breeze for the college's new students by descending en masse on each arriving vehicle and quickly bringing its contents to the student's awaiting room.

The Call of Tradition

Make no mistake, the outcome matters. But, long after the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat have subsided, at least a little, and long after the sore muscles and hoarse vocal chords have recovered, something more remains in the freshman-sophomore Pull tug-of-war. It's the camaraderie and friendships that prove lasting, bonds forged while working together to achieve a goal that requires maximum effort.

It's the same for both sides, although of course only one can win. This year it was the sophomore Class of 2011, which claimed victory after taking 71 feet of rope in 67 minutes on Saturday, Sept. 27. It was the second consecutive win for the Class of 2011, which became only the 19th class ever to win the event as both freshmen and sophomores and the first to do so since the Class of 2000 more than a decade before.

(Editor's Note: An extensive gallery of photos from this year's Pull is available on the college's Web site.)

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Generations across the Rope

Freshman Puller Eric Lunderberg '12 (pictured with moraler Danielle Yeadon '12) was the fourth generation in his family to participate in the Pull tug-of-

war, following in the footsteps of his father Jon Lunderberg '82, grandfather Vern Hoffman '56 and great-grandfather Justin Hoffman '22, who were all pullers,

and his mother, Marla Hoffman '82 Lunderberg, who was a moraler. On the eve of this year's installment of the storied event, Jon shared the following reflections.



By Jon Lunderberg '82

The Pull: These two words have meant something to young men and young women at Hope College for 111 years. The Pull can be fun, work and stupidity (after all it is just a tug-of-war)—and creates memories.

Thirty years ago, I thought the Pull was a stupid event. During football practice, we watched the Pull Team trying to pull down trees.

Twenty-nine years ago, I did the Pull. I was in the 17th pit and my future best man was the anchor in the 18th pit. When I met my morale girl's father for the first time, it was during the Pull. I greeted him with "Hi Dad." Four years later, he was my father-in-law.

Over the years, I learned that my father-in-law participated in the first Pull without a winner. It was stopped by a doctor and called a draw in 1952.

Last week, I asked my father-in-law if his father participated in the Pull when he was at Hope College. To my surprise, his answer was "yes."

This year, my son Eric will be in the 15th pit of the 111th Pull. I wonder what memories he will create.

Faculty Kudos



HIGHEST HONOR: Biologist Dr. Donald Cronkite has been awarded the highest honor bestowed by the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT).

Dr. Cronkite, member of the faculty since 1978, received the association's "2008 Honorary Membership Award" for his distinguished teaching and service in the biological sciences. He received the award, which includes lifetime

membership in the association, during the NABT's National Professional Development Conference, held in Memphis, Tenn., earlier this month.

It is the third time that the NABT has presented Dr. Cronkite a national award. In 2006, he received the association's "Evolution Education Award" in recognition of "innovative classroom teaching and community education efforts to promote the accurate understanding of biological evolution." In 1995, the NABT presented him with its "Four-Year College Biology Teaching Award."

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FULBRIGHT FOR FRANCE: Dr. Matt DeJongh, who is an associate professor of computer science and a Towsley Research Scholar, has received support for his ongoing work in bioinformatics through both the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program and the National Science Foundation.

He has received a Fulbright-Aquitaine Regional Council Award to spend the spring of 2009 conducting groundbreaking

functional genomic research in France. Dr. DeJongh will be working at one of France's largest academic computer science laboratories, LaBRI (Laboratoire Bordelais de Recherche en Informatique), which is based at the Université de Bordeaux. He will be collaborating with researchers at the laboratory in the field of bioinformatics, which blends biology and computer science in managing and analyzing genetic data compiled through projects such as the Human Genome Project.

The NSF grant, awarded to Dr. DeJongh and biologist Dr. Aaron Best through the foundation's "Research in Undergraduate Institutions" program, will continue a team project at Hope to develop software to model microbes' metabolic behavior based on their genes. The grant will provide \$235,022 in support through July 2011, and includes funding to involve Hope students in the research program during both the school year and summers.

It is the second time that a Hope faculty member has received Fulbright support this year. Geologist Dr. Edward Hansen is in Sweden this semester through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program.

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COMMUNITY

VOLUNTEER: Judy Hillman, who is the Howard R. and Margaret E. Sluyter Associate Professor of Art and Design, has been named the 2008 "Volunteer of the Year" by the Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society.



Professor Hillman, who lives in Saugatuck, has been principal designer for the exhibitions in the society's museum since 2002 and is also head of the museum's exhibit design team. Her subsequent involvement in hanging each show ranges from preparing construction drawings for exhibit fabricators, preparing digital files for exhibit text and image panels, helping to paint the gallery and lighting.

Her exhibit designs have received two first-place awards in excellence from the Michigan Museum Association. Most recently she designed this year's exhibition "13 Moments in Time: The Artist as Storyteller," which is built around a selection of seldom-seen paintings and drawings completed in Saugatuck from 1898 to 2002.

In addition to her work with the museum's exhibits, she has also served on the society's Heritage Preservation Awards committee, and is chairing the committee for 2008.

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OUTSTANDING MUSICIAN: Steve Talaga, who is an instructor of music, has been named Jazz Musician of the Year by the West Michigan Jazz Society.



In a feature in its May 2008 newsletter, the society described him as "The Bruce Lee of The Piano," noting that "his hands are like musical weapons." The society honored him with a banquet on Thursday, May 29, at Aquinas College, where he is an adjunct member of the music faculty.

A member of the Hope faculty since 1999, he teaches jazz piano, applied composition, and various jazz studies courses. In June, he, faculty colleague Dr. Brian Coyle and the student members of the college's Jazz Chamber Ensemble represented Hope as participants in "The Big Hope," a global youth congress held at Liverpool Hope University in Liverpool, England, during which he and Dr. Coyle taught a jazz styles and history class each day.

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WORK EXHIBITED:

Bruce McCombs, professor of art, has recently had his work featured in a variety of venues, including the Governor's Residence, a national publication and multiple exhibitions.

He has had two pieces, "Gulliver's Lincoln" and "Van Andel Museum," chosen for display in the Michigan Governor's Residence from August of this year through July 2009 through the Governor's Residence Artists Program. He and his art were featured in a 12-page article published in the spring 2008 edition of Watercolor magazine, which notes that "Bruce McCombs uses bold drawing and heightened color to present a powerful and entertaining vision." The exhibitions featuring his work recently have spanned the nation, including New York, Indiana, Missouri, Minnesota and California.

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TEXTBOOK ECONOMY: A Hope professor's effort to save his students money has led to a national award.

Dr. Steve VanderVeen, professor of management and director of the Center for Faithful Leadership, is one of only eight professors nationwide recognized through the Faculty Recognition Textbook Scholarship Contest coordinated by the Used Textbook Association. He was honored for reducing students' book-buying costs by choosing to use an earlier edition of a textbook that he feels continues to be just as relevant in the material it presents.

As he prepared materials for one of his management classes a few years ago, Dr. VanderVeen realized that the newest edition of the text that he liked to use wasn't much different than the previous edition—in fact, it wasn't different at all for the portions he intended to use.

And so he hit on an idea. Purchase multiple copies of the previous edition at a reduced price and rent copies to his students for a nominal fee—much less than the new book would cost them, and also less than the net cost would have been even had they been able to sell the newer book back to the bookstore at the end of the semester. All proceeds since covering the initial cost have been plowed back into the academic program, specifically to support the Institute for Project-Based Learning, through which students pursue real-life management projects from start to finish, often working on behalf of a local company or community organization.

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Homecoming '08

Coming Home

Moments and memories as the members of the Hope family celebrated together their common heritage at a place called Hope.



A ceremony on Friday, Oct. 3, inaugurated the 12 flagpoles newly installed at the Martha Miller Center for Global Communication to highlight the college's international connections. The initial set of flags being featured highlights the nations represented by members of Hope's newest class.





Please visit the college online for an extensive gallery of additional Homecoming images, including the group photographs for the reunion classes.

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At right are newly crowned Homecoming King and Queen Graham Carlson and Tonisha Gordon with Dutch.



Roommates Follow in Family Footsteps

For two of this year's new students, generational ties to Hope include not only family connections but housing connections as well.

As roommates in Dykstra Hall, Tiffany Bussies of Zeeland, Mich., and Karissa Soeter of Norco, Calif., are continuing a Hope family friendship that began with their grandmothers more half a century ago. Their grandmothers Jocelyn Fryling '58 Bussies of Jenison, Mich., and Marianne Hageman '58 DeNooyer of Holland, Mich., had roomed together as Chapel Choir tour participants, and their fathers Glenn Bussies '81 and John Matthew Soeter



Newly arrived on Move-In Day in August, Tiffany Bussies and Karissa Soeter (pictured at far right) have followed in their families' footsteps not only as students but as roommates as well. Their fathers, Glenn Bussies '81 and J. Matthew Soeter '81 had roomed together at Hope, and their grandmothers, Marianne Hageman '58 DeNooyer and Jocelyn Fryling '58 Bussies were Chapel Choir roommates (the four are pictured above in the order just listed). (Note that as described in the story on pages 14-15, Tiffany's and Karissa's possessions were carried to their second-floor, Dykstra Hall room by a horde of Orientation volunteers!) Tiffany, Karissa and the college's other Third-, Fourth- and Fifth-generational New Students are all pictured on page 28.

'81 were roommates on campus as freshmen and sophomores. Their familial connections to the college go back even farther — Karissa and Tiffany are fourth- and fifth-generational students respectively.

Their ties to their fathers' first year at Hope are even closer than one might think. Their quarters in Cluster 2-5 of Dykstra Hall are just across the hallway from where Glenn and Matt had lived together as freshmen, in Room 266, in 1977.

Although Dykstra, completed in 1967, is known to generations of alumni as a women's hall, a portion of the building was pressed into service as a men's residence as a temporary measure for 1977-78.

"That was a year when there was a large number of guys," Glenn Bussies said. "I think there was an overflow situation."

Although the families have found themselves separated by geography since Jocelyn and Marianne graduated, they've stayed in touch across the intervening 50 years. Marianne sang during the ceremony when Jocelyn married Don Bussies '56, and Matt sang during Glenn's wedding with Lisa Bock '83. Karissa and Tiffany even had a chance to meet as young eight-year-olds, when their families got together during a West Michigan visit.

Back when they were incoming students, Glenn and Matt requested to room together based on their families' friendship, although winding up in Dykstra Hall was an unexpected twist. The ties abiding for a third generation, Karissa and Tiffany connected about their plans to attend Hope during their senior year, and as their friendship grew also asked to room together, seeking Dykstra specifically in light of their fathers' history.

"I think the personal connections are one of the great strengths of the school."

— Matt Soeter '81

The Hope tradition of providing a sense of extended family also played a role in the college choice itself.

"I think the personal connections are one of the great strengths of the school," Matt said. "We've been touched by the number of contacts that were made to Karissa on a personal basis. It's very meaningful for us."



Although separated by hundreds of miles, the Bussies and Soeter families have maintained their friendship across more than five decades. Thus Karissa and Tiffany, who have come to Hope from California and Zeeland respectively, had a chance to meet many years before their arrival on campus.



**Mary Boelkins '96
Remenschneider**
Alumni Director

Homecoming. It's so easy to think of the event that it's easy to lose sight of the roots of the word. Coming home, returning to a place of beginning, a place of belonging and of family.

I hope that you'll take some time to enjoy the photographs in this issue and online from this year's Homecoming celebration. It was in so many ways a picture-perfect weekend. We enjoyed just the right splash of color in the leaves and blue in the sky, hundreds of alumni back for reunions, enthusiastic students, and a supportive home crowd for Saturday's game with Trine University.

I also hope that you'll look for some of the coverage to come. In December, *News from Hope College* will feature the story of the Gassmen, a 1960s-era student band that returned to play at the

Tailgate picnic through a turn of events that deserves a more detailed telling than I can share here. Please also look in future issues and other Hope publications for more about the Alumni of Color reunion that emphasized connecting alumni with the college's overall plan for enhancing minority participation at all levels at Hope.

But this year's Homecoming also included deep sorrow as we lost one of our own. Nicole McClain '98 Liechty of Thibodaux, La., died in a tragic automobile accident on Friday, Oct. 3, while driving to the airport to fly back for her 10-year reunion.

As we gathered together, friends and classmates shed tears and mourned our loss as a family even while remembering her with love and affection. Her death was a reminder of how fragile life really is, of how even as we make plans we are very much in God's hands.

It brought home to me the deeper meaning of homecoming—of returning, and cherishing, and of being cherished, and of making the most of the opportunities to be with those who are important to us. I hope that you will always feel a cherished part of the Hope family, and that you will find many opportunities to make homecomings of your own; yes, to campus, but more broadly in all the ways that are meaningful to you and those you love.

Window to Hope's History



A sizeable crowd lines Eighth Street near Central Avenue as the 1958 Homecoming Parade passes east through downtown Holland (the store behind the audience is Woolworth's, where now stand The Sandcastle For Kids and the Alpen Rose Restaurant and Café). The elaborate float cleverly links an interpretation of a well-known corporate mascot to the afternoon's game action—Hope hosted the Adrian Bulldogs—at Riverview Stadium. The optimistic slogan proved prophetic: Hope won the Saturday, Oct. 18, contest 41-7.

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James McFarlin III '74, Ferndale, Mich.	Karen Gonder '81 Navis, Grandville, Mich.
Sarah Oosterink '08, Jenison, Mich.	Elias Sanchez '78, Hinsdale, Ill.
Carol Schakel '68 Troost, Scotia, N.Y.	Lois Tornga '56 Veldman, Okemos, Mich.
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30s

H. Sidney Heersma '30, who was the first pediatrician in Kalamazoo, Mich., recently celebrated his 99th birthday with his daughter and many other family members and longtime friends. Hope presented Dr. Heersma with a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1991. **Wendell A. Miles '38** of Grand Rapids, Mich., a U.S. District Court Judge, had his portrait hung in the Federal Court at Marquette, Mich., on Monday, Aug. 26. He was accompanied to the ceremony by his daughter, Michele Miles '73 Kopinski.

40s

Alma Weeldreyer '40 Van Heuvelen and **Harold Van Heuvelen '40** of Kalamazoo, Mich., gave a concert on Sunday, July 20, at the former Governors' Mansion in Bismarck, N.D. The concert, dedicated to former Gov. Art Link, was to support the annual Art Link Fiddlers' Contest for Young People.

Julia Van Dam '30 Finlay of Sturgis, Mich., plays golf three times a week and averages around 100 for 18 holes. She will celebrate her 100th birthday next May. Quoted in an article in the Monday, Sept. 8, edition of the *Kalamazoo Gazette*, she said, "I don't get my clubs out of the car for nine holes. That's only half a game." Julia lives in her own home, plays bridge, drives, and works on her game in Florida during the winter.



Ken Weller '48 of Pella, Iowa, received the "Hope for Humanity Award" from the college's alumni H-Club on Saturday, Oct. 4, during Homecoming Weekend. He spent two decades on the Hope faculty and then another 21 years as president of Central College in Pella. Hope President James Bultman '63, pictured at right, presented the award. The award, first presented in 1990, recognizes Hope athletic alumni for consistent service to others and demonstrating the values of Christian commitment and service. The H-Club consists of Hope alumni who were athletic letter winners and other honorary letter winners as approved by the H-Club's Board of Directors.

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50s

Albert Boers '51 of Holland, Mich., attended the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China, in August. He was accompanied by three family members: his grandson, his grandson's wife, and a niece. This was his sixth consecutive time and seventh time overall to attend the summer games. He also went to the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Jan Kamp '51 Lankenau of Marion, Ind., was presented the IRTA (Indiana Retired Teachers Association) Blue Cross and Blue Shield Anthem Clock Award as outstanding volunteer for Grant County. She was recognized for her extensive volunteer work with literacy training, youth groups, senior citizens and various other organizations.

John Bremer '52 and his wife, of Zeeland, Mich., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, July 25. **L. James Harvey '52** of Caledonia, Mich., had "Ministering To Your Drive-by Congregation" published in the August 2008 issue of *Presbyterians Today*. The article advises churches about using their outdoor signs for evangelistic outreach.

Richard Ruch '52 and his wife, of Holland, Mich., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, July 23.

Paul Van Faasen '56 and **Jan Blunt '58 Van Faasen** of Holland, Mich., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 24.

Don Van Lare '57 and **Lois Hoeksema '57 Van Lare** of Holland, Mich., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Roger Garvelink '58 of Troy, Mich., was elected to a second term as senior warden of St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Mich. He is also chairman of the board of directors of the Birmingham Senior Center, which he nurtured 30 years ago while superintendent of the Birmingham School District. In addition, he serves on the board of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, which has 400 members and meets weekly.

Bruce Matthews '58 and his wife, of Holland, Mich., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 9.

Ronald Geschwendt '59 of Traverse City, Mich., retired on Monday, June 30, as coordinator of the Commissioned Pastor (C.P.) program of the Regional Synod of the Great Lakes (Reformed Church in America). He had served in the part-time role for five years.

Carl Ver Beek '59 of Grand Rapids, Mich., an attorney with Varnum Riddering Schmidt & Howlett LLP, was elected to the American Bar Association's Council of the Dispute Resolution Section and Disaster Response Committee.

60s

Katherine Bitner '61 Reynolds of Durango, Colo., will sing the Mozart *Requiem* with The Durango Choral Society under the baton of John Rutter in Carnegie Hall next June. The Verdi *Requiem*, sung by the Choral Society in Durango in July as part of the annual Music in the Mountains Festival, was rebroadcast in September throughout the country on PBS and the Plum Network. This month Katherine will reach her seventh continent when she travels to Africa.

Barbara Wood '61 of Benicia, Calif., completed a cross-country bicycle trip from the Pacific to the Atlantic through the Benicia Bicycle Club. Two years ago she completed the first third of the journey, from the Pacific Ocean to Albuquerque, N.M. This summer she completed the trip, riding May 22 through July 2 from Albuquerque to the Atlantic Ocean at Revere, Mass. **Bruce Struik '64** of Beaver Island, Mich., presented an interactive program on Tuesday, July 22, at the Parish Hall on Beaver Island focusing on his distinctive wood sculptures, created in

the self-coined style of "Usonian Art." He refers to himself as an "imagineer" rather than an artist, explaining, "The art is already embedded into the wood. My role is to imagine the often elusive designs found in gnarled stumps, roots and decayed trees." His term "Usonian Art" evolved from the phrase "Usonian House" that Frank Lloyd Wright originated in 1935. The name was a play on the words "U.S.A." and "usefulness," implying that his compositions are constructed from organic and indigenous materials. Bruce is a retired Zeeland (Mich.) High School teacher.

Linda Davis '65 Stahelin of Muskegon, Mich., is the author of *Ringin' True: Prayers for Handbell Ringers*, a spiritual resource for handbell choir directors and ringers. The book contains more than 60 prayers to begin or end a rehearsal or performance.

Ann Christensen '67 Olendorf of Fennville, Mich., retired from the Bangor (Mich.) School District last spring after serving most recently as curriculum director for the past eight years. She began with the district in 1989 as a high school teacher in biology and later taught English. She also served as a middle school counselor.

Tom Renner '67 of South Haven, Mich., was honored for his many years of service to the MIAA (Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association) by having the newly-established Renner Associate SID (Sports Information Director) Award named after him. The award recognizes outstanding publicity efforts by member schools.

Eugene Roberts '67 of Rochester, N.Y., retired on Tuesday, April 1, after 11 years of service at Brighton Reformed Church in Rochester.

Diana Williams '69 Weiss of New Hope, Pa., had a chapbook of poetry, *What Counts*, published by Finishing Line Press.

70s

Mary Luckey '70 of Oakland, Calif., recently had *Membrane Structural Biology* published by Cambridge Publishers. She is a professor of biochemistry at San Francisco State University. She and her

Daryl Siedentop '60 of Westerville, Ohio, received the Clark Hetherington Award in September during the annual meeting of the American Academy for Kinesiology and Physical Education, the organization's highest honor for lifetime achievement. Last spring he was inducted into The Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology Hall of Fame.



Nicholas Rodenhouse '75/'77 of Sherborn, Mass., and his research were featured in an article in the Monday, July 21, edition of the *Boston Globe*. He is a biology professor at Wellesley College. He and colleagues studying black-throated blue warblers in the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest recently published a paper in the journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*. Their theory that post-breeding songs could draw birds into unused suitable habitats overturns the decades-



old theory that vegetative structure is the chief basis for a bird's choice of habitat.

husband have three adult children. **Robert Eckrich '71** of Germantown, Md., is an implementation and support services specialist with Content Management Corporation of Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada. In May he completed the Information Technology Multi-Certificate (A+/NETWORK+/MCP/CCNA/SECURITY+) Program at the Center for Continuing and Professional Education at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. **Donald Steele '72** of New York City had his one-act play *Misconceptions* produced by the Attic Theatre in Los Angeles, Calif., in July and August as part of the theatre's annual one-act play festival. Another of his one-act plays, *Mother's Day*, was produced by the Montgomery Playhouse in Gaithersburg, Md., as part of its 7th Annual One Act Festival in July and August. In addition, a monologue from his one-act play *Going to the Chapel* was published by Smith and Kraus in its series *The Best Women's Stage Monologues*

of 2007. Donald and his partner celebrated their 26th anniversary on Thursday, Aug. 7. **Charles Gossett '73** is serving as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Botswana. His assignment is to help establish the university's Centre for the Study of HIV and AIDS. **Jennifer Gould '73** of Byron Center, Mich., will be the featured Artist-in-Residence at the Grand Rapids (Mich.) area Forest Hills Fine Arts Center in March 2009. **Doug Smith '73** of Holland, Mich., is taking the year off as the Hope football team's defensive backs coach so he can watch his daughter play volleyball during her senior year at DePauw University, something he did in 2002 for another daughter. He and his wife plan to see every match. **Linda Wood '73 Walsh** of Holland, Mich., retired in June after a 35-year career teaching Spanish and French at L.C. Mohr High School in South Haven, Mich.

Rick McLouth '77 of Whitehall, Mich., and his family have enjoyed the rise of their son Nate as a major league baseball player. He highlighted his third season with the Pittsburgh Pirates by being voted to the MLB All-Star game as a reserve outfielder.

80s

Donald Hones '80 of Ripon, Wis., was recently recognized for excellence in service at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Kevin Vander Kolk '80 of Okemos, Mich., reports that after 28 years in television broadcasting, he is rebooting his life. He and his wife have launched Preppy Princess, an e-commerce Web site featuring original design placemats, napkins, towels, aprons, flip-flops, belts, dog collars and more, all celebrating "preppy" style.

Glenn Bussies '81 of Zeeland, Mich., was recently promoted to director of external operations at the Perrigo Co., where he has been working for 19 years.

Kevin Kraay '81 and his wife received a "Home Sweet Home" Award for September from the city of Zeeland, Mich., in recognition of their investment in their home and yard through exterior improvement, attention to landscaping and overall maintenance. Kevin is business manager at Hope.

Betty Peterson '81 Picard of Richland, Mich., earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees") and now teaches music full time at Harper Creek Community Schools near Battle Creek, Mich. She is also an adjunct professor of voice at Kellogg Community College. She has performed locally and at venues around the country, and has a CD of Christmas

music, *Still, Still, Still*, with Earth Star Recordings.

Thomas H. Picard '81 is a psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. He works for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in the post-traumatic stress disorder program at the Battle Creek (Mich.) VA Medical Center.

Debra Sells '81 of Murfreesboro, Tenn., is interim vice president for the Division of Student Affairs at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). She has worked for 12 years at MTSU, first as director of Housing and Residential Life and then as associate vice provost, Academic Support Services.

Brian Gibbs '84 of Bad Homburg, Germany, and his wife hosted Hope's women's basketball team when the team traveled to Europe in August. He arranged for the group to do a service project at his church, where he is senior warden, and then took them to lunch and a tour of a Roman ruin. That evening, Brian and his wife hosted a reception at their home for the team. It was the Gibbs' third time in one year to host Hope students. Brian previously hosted the London May Term group for a dinner and dinner address in London. In June Brian and his family flew to

Pamela Leestma '75 of Bellflower, Calif., was selected as one of five private-school teachers to receive the National Award of American Stars of Teaching. She was honored in Washington, D.C., at the National Private Schools Conference on Friday, Sept. 26, and was on a panel with the other honorees to discuss "Collaborative Relationships Outside of the School Setting."



Hope is a Second Home

For Dr. Vernon '44 and Lois Hinkamp '44 Boersma, Hope College has been a second home. Lois's father, Paul E. Hinkamp, was a professor of religion and later the registrar at the college, and she has been active on campus and with many college activities most of her life. Vern, who practiced medicine in Holland until his retirement in 1987, was instrumental in establishing the Health Clinic at Hope and providing medical services to Hope students for 20 years, in addition to serving as the college's athletic team physician from 1983 to 1987. Vern and Lois explain that their many years of positive experiences within the Hope community helped them decide to remember Hope College in their estate plans. Hope College would like to thank the Boersmas and all the 680 plus members of the Dimnent Heritage Society for their generosity in supporting Hope College through planned gifts. For over 30 years, planned gifts from donors such as Vern and Lois have helped shape the character of Hope College and its community. Please let us help you create your Hope legacy.



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Austria to hike up the Austrian Alps with Vienna Summer School students and treat the students to lunch. Brian also addressed the group's Senior Seminar class.

Brad Kuipers '84 of Holland, Mich., was among four people honored by the city's character council for saving the life of a referee who collapsed while officiating a basketball game at the Holland Civic Center on Thursday, Feb. 7.

Brothers **Tod Gugino '85** and **Wade Gugino '92**, both of Holland, Mich., were featured in the July 6 edition of the *Grand Rapids Press* in an article about the summer camps they led at Hope. Tod is director of summer science camps and chemistry lab director at the college. Wade, who offered a summer camp in cartooning, is working on a business plan to bring cartooning into a wider educational arena.

Steven Schipper '87 of Key West, Fla., is deputy director of community service for the City of Key West. He joined the city as fleet manager in 2006. The community services department is responsible for public works, facilities maintenance, recreation, landscaping and fleet operations.

Steve Van Harn '87 of Hamilton, Mich., and his son recently competed in their second World Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation Martial Arts competition, and both received gold medals. The 10th annual event was held in Cebu City, The Philippines.

Brian Pereira '88 completed the



Douglas Andrews '81 of Lisle, Ill., was elected to a three-year term on the Union League Club of Chicago's board of directors. He serves as chair of the club's analysis and planning committee. He is a founder and principal of Argus Financial Group, an employee-benefits risk-management firm that he launched in 1996. He also plays for the Chicago Lions Rugby Football Club, coaches the Naperville High School rugby team, and is a certified rugby referee and IHSA high school football and basketball referee.

Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School in Boston and was also promoted to vice president and CEO of HCL Technologies operations in Australia and New Zealand. He is leading the business group in its plans to expand its Asia Pacific business while living in Sydney, Australia, with his wife and three children.

Heather Jacob '88 Schaap of Holland, Mich., reports that with all four of her children now in school full time, she is working at Wavecrest Career Academy in Holland as teacher assistant and supervisor of responsible thinking center/in-school suspension, working solely with at-risk high school students.

Paul Ter Beek '88 of Holland, Mich., has celebrated his first anniversary as human resources director at Heartland of Holland/HCR Manorcare.

Mitchell Wood '88 of Suwanee, Ga., was promoted to vice president of sales for Northstar Vinyl Products, a manufacturer of synthetic sheetpile for marine seawalls. He recently secured the largest synthetic sheetpile contract, worth \$20 million, for "The World" project in Dubai, UAE. He is also in the process of opening a satellite office in Dubai to handle Middle Eastern and Asian operations. He notes that any Hope grad who is interested in becoming a sales engineer for the Middle East is welcome to call him.

Lori Lovas '89 Tinkler of Stilwell, Kan., was named one of the Top 25 Women Who Mean Business (Class of 2008) in Kansas City. She was selected from more than 125 individuals who are the highest ranking females in their for-profit corporations.

Peter Paul '89 of Little Falls, N.Y., is vice president of Teachers Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving student learning in public schools. In February he visited a host of California school districts for workshops and conferences related to one of the organization's professional development programs, New Teacher Resource Program, designed to support educators who have been teaching fewer than four years.

Dave Widmer '89, pastor of The First Presbyterian Church of Berkshire Valley, N.J., completed his first full marathon with Team in Training at the New Jersey Marathon on Sunday, May 4, in Long Branch, N.J. The marathon was run in order to raise money for blood cancer research, as well as to gain awareness of this growing societal problem within his congregation and community. Dave still runs as a spiritual discipline and encourages all to join in a common effort to eliminate cancer someday.

90s

Anne Van Dam '90 Fleming of Levering, Mich., starred as Polly Baker in the Chelsea Area Players' production of *Crazy for You*. The musical ran Thursday-Saturday, July 24-26.



Frances Schrock '89

Traisman of Seattle, Wash., was promoted to vice president of sales for the Seattle Mariners Baseball Club, becoming only the second female VP in Mariners history. She oversees all aspects of ticket sales and customer service, including season tickets, suites, groups and online initiatives. She and her husband have four children, Quinn, Leo, Ellis and Nora (please see "New Arrivals").

Michelle Hoppe-Long '90 of Charlotte, N.C., received a Crown Award in July for her contributions as screenwriter on the film *The List* (now available on DVD). She also serves as director of fine arts at Charlotte Christian School, which was named this year one of the three "Outstanding Theatre Schools" by the Educational Theatre Association, and was chosen by the American High School Theatre Festival to perform at the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland, next summer. Additionally Michelle was named to the board of CITA (Christians in Theatre Arts). She also received numerous playwrighting awards this year for her original production of *By Grace*, a biopic look at the events surrounding Grace Kelly's wedding to Prince Rainier of Monaco, and she is premiering her latest original play, *So Help Me, God*, this fall. She and her husband are celebrating their adoption through foster care of three children, Blake (age eight), Jordan (age three), and Isabella (age two), finalized on July 3.

Andrea Mascio '90 of Phoenix, Ariz., is programs coordinator for the largest jail in Indian Country. She coordinates the rehabilitation programs for adult and juvenile inmates and also provides individual, family, and group sessions for the inmates. Two to three evenings a week, she is a part-time therapist and provides counseling for juveniles on intensive probation who have been charged with sexual misconduct in Maricopa County. She is working on her hours to obtain a professional license with the Board of Behavioral Health. Friday-Sunday, Nov. 14-16, she will participate in a three-day walk for breast cancer.

Bernie Jellema '91 of Holland, Mich., played acoustic guitar and sang at The Red Dock in Douglas, Mich., on Sunday, Aug. 3, in celebration of the

release of his debut album, *Lions and Clowns*. The folk/rock album reflects his eclectic tastes in music.

Kristin Long '91 of Columbus, Ohio, was promoted to legislative director in the office of Ohio Governor Ted Strickland. She was previously the governor's deputy legislative director.

Jillian Mulder '92 of Queensbury, N.Y., is curator of the Chapman Historical Museum in Glens Falls, N.Y. She recently organized an exhibit celebrating the Centennial of the City of Glens Falls, featuring aspects of business and manufacturing in 1908. She also curated an exhibit of Seneca Ray Stoddard photographs from the museum's extensive collection.

Bart VerHulst '92 of Franklin, Tenn., is managing director of federal and local customer relations with Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), headquartered in Nashville. CCA is the founder of the private corrections management industry, operating 65 facilities in 19 states and the District of Columbia. Bart was most recently chief of staff for U.S. Senator Bill Frist (R-Tenn.).

Kristen Penner '93 Bullard of Dewitt, Mich., was promoted to biosafety industrial hygienist with the Environmental Health Services/Office of Radiation, Chemical and Biological Safety Department at Michigan State University. Her new duties include inspecting clinical and research laboratories on campus, assisting them on safer techniques, and keeping them up to date with regulation changes.

Greg Eding '93 of Hamilton, Mich., is principal of Creekside Middle School in Zeeland, Mich.

Barb VandenBrink '93 Erickson and **Matt Erickson '94** have moved to Tarpon Springs, Fla. Matt has a partnership at Back 2 Life of Florida. They have three children, Travis (age nine), Levi (age six) and Jessie (age four).

Nicole Mueller '93 is an English teacher at Nicolet High School in Glendale, Wis. She and her husband live in Milwaukee with their daughters, Fiona and Fatima.

Rachel Zimmer '93 Walsh and her family are living in Harlingen, Texas. She stays at home with her three young children.

Adam Warber '93 of Central, S.C., was promoted to associate professor of political science with tenure at Clemson University in August.

Amy Groothuis '93 Westendorp and her husband of Byron Center, Mich., have developed Hudsonville Grille, a new restaurant in Hudsonville that features a grill-style menu in an Americana-styled atmosphere. She reports that the *Grand Rapids Press* has reviewed the restaurant and that it has been noted as being a "great value." Amy is in charge of marketing, menu development, and managing the facility.

Joshua Watkin '94 of Holland, Mich., completed the Certified Arborist



examination administered through the International Society of Arboriculture and the local chapter of the group. The certification program seeks to improve the level of knowledge and standard of practice within the tree care profession.

Carrie Borchers '95 of Grandville, Mich., is sales manager for IT Resource in Coopersville, Mich. She was recently appointed by the board of directors of Holland Home of Grand Rapids to the development committee, the first development committee in Holland Home's 116-year history. She also serves on the board of directors for the League of Women Voters Grand Rapids; volunteers on the planning committee for There's No Place Like Home, a furniture and fashion show benefiting the Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids; and serves on the membership committee for Inforum West Michigan, a professional women's networking alliance, formerly the Women's Economic Club of Detroit.

Robert Royer '95 of Keller, Texas, teaches biology and coaches football and basketball at Southlake (Texas) Carroll High School.

Michelle Brown '95 Warren of Crosswell, Mich., is the new principal of Peck (Mich.) Elementary School. She was previously an elementary principal at Bentley Community Schools in Burton, Mich.

David Boeve '96 of Hamilton, Mich., started Audio Memories earlier this year as a way for people to record their life histories. In July he introduced Mobile Story Pod, a small camper outfitted for people to record interviews about their lives. The pod is part of the

1,000 Voices project to record 1,000 people older than 70 in the Christian Reformed Church and Reformed Church in America. The Joint Archives of Holland, based at Hope, is collecting his digital audio files and transcripts of the interviews with permission of the participants. Most transcripts are online at www.jointarchives.org.

Jeff Pestun '96 of Zeeland, Mich., served on the crew representing the United States that finished fourth among 102 entries from 33 countries at the 18th World Hot Air Balloon Championship in Vienna, Austria. He was a member of the ground crew for Paul Petrehn of Dexter, Mich. Their balloon had the highest finish among the eight entries from the United States.

Mindy Burns '96 Rider of Grandville, Mich., was promoted to finance manager of a large automotive company in Grand Rapids. She and her husband have two children, Annie (age five) and Andrew (age two).

Jennifer Bullard '96 Wieggers, Jacquelyn Bullard '98 Andretz, and Mercedes Mervenne '98 Saurbaugh have opened Into the Woods Retreat LLC in West Olive, Mich., a women's weekend getaway focusing on scrapbooking and relaxation. They have a Web site for the business.

Elizabeth Darr '97 Keserauskis of Belleville, Ill., is executive director of marketing and communications at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She oversees all aspects of the operation, including the graphics design team, the office of public affairs, the sports information office,

Jill Pursifull '95 Nelson of Saugatuck, Mich., won the first Classy Mommy "Mother's Day Big Give Contest" for a deserving mom who is fighting breast cancer, nominated for the award by childhood friend Ali Kooistra '94 Breen of Silver Spring, Md. Jill is pictured with her husband Scott '94 and their four children: three-year-old Kate and one-year-old triplets Benjamin, Emily and Andrew. Diagnosed in April, Jill has since had surgery and a regimen of chemotherapy, and has been journaling on the Web at caringbridge.org/visit/jillnelson, a faith-filled, hopeful, realistic account of what the past six months



have been like for her and her family. Courtney Vredevoogd '08, a former student of Jill, has had a close relationship with the family and stayed with the Nelsons this summer to help them until she began graduate school in September.

and the university's printing/copying operations. She was previously director of marketing and enrollment at Ranken Technical College for nine years.

Kiersten Krause '97 of Grand Rapids, Mich., completed her residency in obstetrics/gynecology in Grand Rapids, Mich., as a chief resident in June and accepted a position with Holland (Mich.) Hospital.

Tyler Smith '97 and his family have moved to London after spending four years in Amsterdam. Tyler is a director in global banking and markets strategy at Royal Banking of Scotland.

Greg Vlietstra '97 of Portage, Mich., is finance director of the Kalamazoo County (Mich.) Road Commission. He previously served for nine years at the City of Portage. He and his wife have two children.

Beau Batton '98 of Springfield, Ill., is on the faculty at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine as an assistant professor of pediatrics, specializing in neonatology. He recently completed a three-year fellowship in neonatology at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Miriam Garcellano '98 completed her residency in family medicine in June 2005 at Providence Hospital in Southfield, Mich., and recently moved to Florence, S.C. She is a family medicine physician with CareSouth Carolina in Bishopville, S.C.

Daniel Hansen '98 of Mukwonago, Wis., coaches a high school debate team. The team won the state title in the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament's four-person division only one week after a tragic accident claimed the lives of four classmates. Daniel reports that with God as an anchor and with the prayers of the community behind them, the team managed to focus and achieve the title.

Todd Kolster '98 of Allendale, Mich., became athletic director of Catholic Central High School in Grand Rapids, Mich., this fall as the Catholic Central

Cougars, along with the rest of the City League, merged into the O-K Conference, where they are part of the O-K Gold. He accepted the position after spending three years coaching at Hope College and one year at East Grand Rapids High School, before coaching for the Grand Valley State University football team for seven years.

Paul Kurdziel '98 of Muskegon, Mich., is principal of Bunker Middle School (Muskegon), a school he attended when it served students in kindergarten through ninth grade.

Kelli Anderson '99 of Saugus, Calif., is a senior regulatory affairs specialist with Boston Scientific Neuromodulation in Valencia, Calif.

Daniel McCue '99 of Grinnell, Iowa, recently earned a master's degree (please see "Advanced Degrees"). His thesis was "When News Breaks, *The Daily Show* Fixes It: Exposing Social Values through Satire."

Phuong Hoang Pham '99 of Portage, Mich., was promoted to supply chain associate manager at the Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, Mich. Previously she was senior contract specialist for transportation distribution at Kellogg.

Amanda Pryor '99 of Portage, Mich., is a human resources supervisor with Stryker Instruments. She received the Stryker HR Global Excellence Award in recognition of significant business impact. The imperatives include globalization, innovation, people development, and leverage across all Stryker divisions.

00s

Mandy Creighton '00 and her partner left Sebastopol, Calif., in July, beginning a year-long bicycle journey around the United States. They are traveling with a solar-powered, electrical-assist bike trailer, visiting and documenting the sustainable-communities movement.

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Jenny Dukes '00 Curtis of Middleville, Mich., is a third-grade teacher in the Byron Center (Mich.) Schools.

Hilary Skuza '00 Lane of Grand Rapids, Mich., purchased a dental office last January in Holland, Mich., where she is practicing as a general dentist.

Andrew Ohm '00 recently earned an MBA (please see "Advanced Degrees") and spent the summer traveling through eight countries in Southeast Asia. In September he relocated to Chicago, Ill., where he is an associate brand manager for Kraft Foods.

David Bauer '01 of Holmen, Wis., is assistant professor of psychology at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wis.

Allyson Boggess '01 of Tempe, Ariz., began studying for a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing (poetry) at Arizona State University this fall, where she also teaches freshman composition.

Kate Lowe '01 of Ridgefield, Conn., teaches marine science and environmental education for SoundWaters in Stamford, Conn. She is also the summer sailing director/instructor for the Pixels program (14-foot performance sailboats).

William Murdoch '01 of Royal Oak, Mich., is assistant professor in the department of family medicine at the Wayne State University (WSU) School of Medicine, in Detroit, Mich. He serves as a clinician educator within the WSU Family Medicine Residency in Rochester, Mich.

Scott Rumpsa '01 of Holland, Mich., is working for the Aqua Clara Foundation, which provides water filtration systems for disadvantaged communities in Peru, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua and Kenya.

Jennifer Schwiager '01 has a fellowship in international emergency medicine at Columbia University. She

is pursuing a master's degree in public health and working as an assistant clinical professor of emergency medicine at New York-Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.

Todd Bloemers '02 of Grand Rapids, Mich., is an English teacher and boys' varsity basketball coach at Caledonia (Mich.) High School.

Katie Bode-Lang '02 of Bellefonte, Pa., won second place in the Keystone Chapbook Contest, and her chapbook will be published next spring by Seven Kitchens Press. She teaches at the main campus of Penn State University.

Raj Malviya '02, an associate at Miller Johnson in Grand Rapids, Mich., began a part-time master's degree program in taxation at Northwestern University School Law and Kellogg School of Management this fall.

Nathan Pyle '02 of Fishers, Ind., was ordained to the office of minister of Word and sacrament by the North Grand Rapids (Mich.) Classis on Sunday, June 22, at Trinity Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. He is pastor of Christ's Community Church in Fishers.

Nicholas Reister '02 of Hamilton, Mich., has joined Sheridan Haddock, in Douglas, Mich. His legal practice is focused on real estate, estate planning and business law. The firm recently opened an office in Holland, Michigan.

Melissa Roop '02 of Rio Rancho, N.M., teaches German part time and works as a guidance counselor full time at Volcano Vista High School in the Albuquerque Public Schools.

Jeffrey Shand-Lubbers '02 of San Francisco, Calif., has been a research analyst for Knowledge Networks in Menlo Park, Calif., since July.

Jennifer Soule-Hill '02 of Chicago, Ill. is interim director of the Chicago Metropolitan Sanctuary Alliance New Sanctuary Movement, part of a nationwide interfaith movement in support of immigrants' rights.

Jennifer Walvoord '02 of Holland, Mich., teaches violin at Calvin College and plays with the Grand Rapids and West Shore symphony orchestras.

Trevor Weston '02 is a partner in the law firm Falvay, Marcus & Weston PC, based in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. His practice involves estate planning, business planning and formation, real estate, estate and trust administration, and general litigation. He and his wife live in Royal Oak, Mich.

Andria Hundt '03 Amendt of Cincinnati, Ohio, is doing a residency in pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Mike Benko '03 of Washington, D.C., is an account executive for group ticket sales with the Washington Nationals major league baseball team. He has had a varied career involving sports since his internship in Philadelphia, Pa., in 2002 with the Phillies baseball team.

Joel Solomon '03 of Virginia Beach, Va., has a pastoral position at New Life Providence Church.

Ashley Hutchinson '03 Terpstra and **Eric Terpstra '03** are living in Norfolk, Va. Ashley is a first-grade

Megan Hunt '06 went to China to be a teaching missionary two months after graduating from Hope. She recently returned after volunteering for two years in Yizhou, Guangxi, Autonomous Region. While there, she met her fiance and enrolled as a seminarian at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

teacher with Chesapeake Public Schools and Eric is a resident physician with the United States Navy.

Carrie Cole '04 recently moved to Knoxville, Tenn., where she is an elementary school counselor.

Maxine Gray '04 of Kalamazoo, Mich., is a full-time communications graduate student at Grand Valley State University. She is also a graduate assistant in the university's Pew Student Services office and an intern at Williams Group, a strategic communications firm.

Nathan Hahn '04 recently earned an M.D. (please see "Advanced Degrees") and began an anesthesiology residency in July at New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York City.

Chrystial Agre '05 of Independence, Ky., recently began her first year of teaching pre-kindergarten at Little Red School House in Erlanger, Ky.

Carrie Reif '05 Bode of Ithaca, N.Y., is employed in accounts payable at Ongweoweh Corporation, a pallet recycling company.

Andrea Gramm '05 Mendlik is a CPA with Moss Adams. She and her husband live in Seattle, Wash.

Ben Sanders III '05 of Denver, Colo., is studying for a Ph.D. at the University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology.

Laura Borovsky '06 of Royal Oak, Mich., passed her CPA examinations and will receive her certification soon. She is an outside auditor at Deloitte and Touche in Detroit, Mich.

Aaron Hawn '06 of Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, is education and artistic operations assistant for the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, the third-largest orchestra in Canada, implementing more than a dozen annual educational and community programs.

Sarah Jeltjes '06 is a first-grade teacher at Seven Oakes Elementary School in Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Heidi Lam '06 of Jenison, Mich., is a first-grade teacher in the Allendale (Mich.) Public Schools.

Lauren Stieper '06 of Holland, Mich., is a second-year German and Spanish teacher at Hamilton High School, where she also organizes the exchange program with a school in Germany.

Eric Van Tassell '06 of Chicago, Ill., does theatrical light work for the Pine Box Theatre Company and Oracle Theater. He is also a pre-employment screening specialist with

the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council.

Jennifer Wierenga '06 of Holland, Mich., works full time at the nonprofit Kandu Inc.

Peter Wright '06 of Palo Alto, Calif., works for Sun Microsystems as a world-wide announcement and pricelist specialist.

Sommer Amundsen '07 is studying bioengineering at the University of Kansas. She is involved in multidisciplinary research developing effective physical therapies for people with Parkinson's disease, and she has helped design a tool to be used in spine surgery.

Lindsay Bowen '07 of Jenison, Mich., is in her second year as an eighth-grade special education teacher, focusing on mathematics and science, at Gerald R. Ford Middle School in the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Steve Cramer '07 organized and ran the "Thumb Pride Athletics" basketball camp, which ran June 9-12 at the Unionville-Sebewaing Area Elementary School in Unionville, Mich., his hometown. He was assisted by former high school and Hope teammates, current Thumb-area student athletes, and players from the Euro leagues. Steve plays basketball with the Weiden Coocoon Baskets, a professional Euro-league team from Germany.

Jonah Ogles '07 of Holland, Mich., is a staff writer for the *White Lake Beacon* in Whitehall, Mich.

Kinsey Wethers '07 of Bear Lake, Mich., left in June for 27 months of service with the Peace Corps, teaching in Madagascar. She was placed in a school following three months of training while living with a host family to immerse herself in the culture and language of the country.

Tarin Coulas '08 of Lansing, Mich., is a research assistant in the Department of Psychiatry, Neuropsychology Division, at the University of Michigan.

Robert Drexler '08 is city treasurer/finance director for the city of Village of Douglas, Mich.

Jessica Gartner '08 of St. James, Minn., is the communication and foundation assistant at St. James Medical Center, an affiliate of Mayo Health Systems.

Bradley Holda '08 is a fourth-grade teacher at Partnership Elementary School in Raleigh, N.C.

Allison Pautler '08 of Saint Louis, Mo., teaches middle-school mathematics at Westminster Christian Academy.

Marriages

Lucille Wood '64 Nagelkirk and James DeVries, Aug. 15, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Jeffrey Larrabee '88 and Kara Hammond, June 2, 2007, Dearborn, Mich.

John Roehm '93 and Erin Kirkpatrick, July 12, 2008, Kentwood, Mich.



Michelle Vince '95 and Mike Pirner, Aug. 16, 2008, East Lansing, Mich.

David F. Muir '96 and Leah A. Bruskewitz, June 21, 2008, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Amy Hyatt '97 and William Surface, June 14, 2008.

Brent Rowe '99 and Karen Schuen '04, Aug. 11, 2008, Holland, Mich.

David Bauer '01 and Debbie Burkowski, July 29, 2006.

Anne Houseworth '01 and James Gray, July 12, 2008, Petoskey, Mich.

Dana Iler '01 and Ashley Clausen, June 14, 2008, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Cara McCartney '01 and Dwayne King, June 14, 2008.

Laura Evans '01 and Mark Schlader, July 12, 2008, Worthington, Ohio.

Sarah Bublitz '02 and Casey C. Shuck, June 13, 2008.

Jennifer Ann Hill '02 and Nathan Thompson Soule, July 12, 2008, Chicago, Ill.

Jeffrey Lubbers '02 and Renee Marie Shand, May 24, 2008, Hudson, N.Y.

Stacey Mellema '02 and Mark McCord, May 3, 2008, Atlanta, Ga.

Laura Poppema '02 and Travis Thompson, June 27, 2008, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Jennifer Walvoord '02 and Andrew

Le, June 28, 2008.

Shawn Gerbers '03 and Ashley O'Shaughnessey '07, April 4, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Ashley Hutchinson '03 and Eric Terpstra '03, June 28, 2008, Virginia Beach, Va.

Sarah Lucker '03 and Alex Roussakis, Aug. 10, 2008.

Derrick Lyons '03 and Melissa Corbet, June 14, 2008, Howell, Mich.

Laura Nichols '03 and Michael Howe, Aug. 23, 2008, Traverse City, Mich.

Hillary L. Noordeloos '03 and Adam R. Billmeier, March 8, 2008, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Joel Solomon '03 and Avery Willis, Dec. 18, 2004.

Jill DeVries '04 and Justin Johnson, May 31, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Emily E. Parkhurst '04 and Steven B. Dunham, Aug. 16, 2008, San Francisco, Calif.

Robert Bode '05 and Carrie Reif '05, July 12, 2008, Ithaca, N.Y.

Eric De Boer '05 and Sarah Gardner '05, April 12, 2008, Horsham, Pa.

Jill Pinter '05 and Eric Berryman, Sept. 19, 2008, East Lansing, Mich.

Travis Spaman '05 and Lindsey Schaap '06, June 20, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Amelia (Amy) Wing '05 and Kyle

Morgan, Aug. 8, 2008, Maple City, Mich.

Nathan Clinton-Barnett '06 and Lindsay Meek '07, June 14, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Laura DeHaan '06 and Chris Alexander, July 19, 2008, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Michael DeYoung '06 and Allison Rich, July 26, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Brandon Hazen '06 and Kellyn Rumpsa '06, June 14, 2008, Saugatuck, Mich.

Bethany Klunder '06 and Granger Nyboer '07, June 20, 2008, Caledonia, Mich.

Kevin Yurk '06 and Rachel Moore '07, June 14, 2008, Stevensville, Mich.

Abigail Bolkema '07 and Phillip Nyhof, July 21, 2007, Holland, Mich.

Adriana Frikker '07 and Ryan Lincoln '07, July 19, 2008, Holland, Mich.

Kristin Olson '07 and Neal Brace, Feb. 27, 2008, Cascade, Mich.

Scott Woroniec '07 and Heather Munro, July 18, 2008, Charlevoix, Mich.

Amanda Brisbin '08 and Kyle Clarkson '08, July 26, 2008.

John Dulmes '08 and Nicole Mulder '08, July 19, 2008.

Kayla Katterheinrich '08 and Philip F. Germann, June 28, 2008.

Jennifer Mastenbrook '08 and Kyle Van Strien, June 13, 2008, Lawton, Mich.

Elise Mattingly '08 and Peter Sagmoe, July 19, 2008.

Raquel Balderas '10 and Bradley Jay Meyer, July 19, 2008, Zeeland, Mich.

Scott, Caitlin Margaret, July 5, 2008.

Holly Brown '92 Edick and Michael Edick, Wiatt Michael, May 10, 2008.

Melissa Bach '92 McHale and Michael McHale, Ana Sofia (Sofie), born Jan. 30, 2007, in Guatemala, adopted Aug. 20, 2007.

Tracy Bolo '92 McMichael and Tim McMichael, Andrew David, Dec. 28, 2007.

Kim Bundy '92 Salisbury and Dave Salisbury, Holly Elizabeth, Sept. 12, 2008.

Michelle Goodman '93 Gagne and Jim Gagne, Nolan Ward, Dec. 6, 2007.

Catherine Danforth '93 Hampel and Gerrod Hampel, Ethan Charles, June 17, 2007.

Sheryl Chamberlin '93 Oberhofer and Kevin Oberhofer, Daniel Martin, born June 26, 2006; placed in their home as a foster child July 3, 2006; adopted April 28, 2008.

Sarah Rickert '93 and Steve Carver, Samantha Kay Carver, July 3, 2008.

Joel Vande Poel '93 and Heidi Zwart '94 Vande Poel, Samari Shalom, Jan. 21, 2008.

Rachel Zimmer '93 Walsh and Brook Walsh, Gabriel Edward (Zimmer) Walsh, July 17, 2008.

Bart Shapley '95 and Dena Shapley, Reagan Nicole, June 15, 2008.

Cara Weckwert '96 Babin and Derek Babin '96, Jaclyn Renee, June 7, 2008.

Aaron Frey '96 and Christine Krueger '96 Frey, Erica Lynn, July 31, 2007.

Jeremy Monty '96 and Sara Meengs '98 Monty, Lyla Rose, Aug. 11, 2008.

Chris Kaplan '96 and Sara Rugg '97 Kaplan, Noah Andrew, July 21, 2008.

Mary Boelkins '96 Remenschneider and Scott Remenschneider, Will Barrett, Oct. 12, 2008.

Christa Stern-Lubahn '96 and Brad Lubahn, Mason Bradley Lubahn, May 16, 2008.

Dawn Kleinheksel '97 Davison and Christopher Davison, Ella Marie, March 31, 2008.

Amy Hinderer '97 Feltus and Todd Feltus, John Bhin "Jack," born July 1, 2007, arrived home to his parents on June 23, 2008.

Trish Voss '97 LaLiberte and David LaLiberte, Brynn Noelle, May 6, 2008.

Mark Peterson '97 and Laura Veltman, Russell Mark Veltman Peterson, May 24, 2008.

Jeff Renz '98 and Jessica VanDam '02 Renz, Cameron Robert, Aug. 12, 2008.

Lisa Knott '98 Sheldon and Josh Sheldon '99, Irelyn Hope, March 23, 2008.

Matthew Sterenberg '98 and Yuko Sterenberg, Izumi Abigail, Nov. 14, 2007.

Jared Vickers '98 and Betsy Vickers, Ava Kathleen, April 3, 2008.

Shannon Powell '99 Fritchley and Joe Fritchley, Gideon Joseph, March 22, 2008.

Emily LaLonde '99 MacNellis and Scott MacNellis, Joseph Paul, July 8, 2008.

Joshua Brugger '00 and Jennifer Linton '01 Brugger, Caleb Benjamin, July

Beyond the books...

As a communication major and leadership minor, I've read plenty of books since my freshman year. Outside the classroom though, my time at Hope has been enhanced by the opportunity to learn by doing.

What I love about experiential learning is that each experience not only develops skills, but also creates feelings, memories, and relationships that you can't get from reading a book. In my role as Director of Volunteer Services, I organized events, coordinated volunteers, and oversaw projects to help local non-profit organizations. This experience changed and shaped me in ways I couldn't have imagined.

Great things happen at Hope, both in and outside the classroom. When you're asked to support the Hope Fund this year, please do. Your gift will help provide opportunities for students like me to go beyond the books as we learn by doing.

Brittnee Longwell
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New Arrivals

Paul Osburn '78 and Barb Arneson '80 Osburn, Aster (age 12) and Dawit (age 10), sister and brother adopted in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in August.

Debbie Gezon '85 and Doug Jacobs, Nate Gezon Jacobs and Garrett Gezon Jacobs, May 3, 2008.

Jeffrey Meppelink '87 and Karen Meppelink, Abigail Helen, Sept. 26, 2007.

Jeffrey Larrabee '88 and Kara Larrabee, William Greenfield, June 13, 2008.

Scott Schaaf '88 and Kristin Kollmeyer '89 Schaaf, Kayla Lindsay, March 3, 2008.

Joel Schoon-Tanis '89 and Kathryn Schoon-Tanis '94, Harper Lain, Aug. 18, 2008.

Frances Schrock '89 Traisman and Clifford Traisman, Nora Sylvia, Jan. 8, 2008.

Paul Thomas '90 and Maribel Thomas, Samuel James, March 22, 2008.

Bryan Whitmore '90 and Heather VanLangevelde '94 Whitmore, Elijah David, July 10, 2008.

Wendy Underhill '91 Miller and Joseph Miller, Kaitlyn Ann, May 21, 2008.

Juliet Hasley '91 Scott and Michael



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Rebecca Potts '00 Bruggers and Seth Bruggers '00, Benjamin David and Allison Grace, Aug. 6, 2008.

Shonda Perdue '00 Evans and Tim Evans, Oliver Dean, April 3, 2008.

Megan Clapp '00 Gorton and Jeff Gorton, Emily Claire, July 21, 2008.

Jeff Kauffman '00 and Elizabeth Chapin '02 Kauffman, Henry Douglas, April 15, 2008.

Chanda Wenger '00 Slenk and Joe Slenk, Lauryn Marie, April 28, 2008.

Kristin Koenigsknecht '01 Alkire and Nathan Alkire '02, Zoe Katherine, June 28, 2008.

Heidi Hickman '01 Henson and Nathaniel Henson, Abigail Joann, Dec. 6, 2007.

Andrea Witham '01 Maas and Kyle Maas '01, Luke William, May 6, 2008.

Martin D. Van Oort '01 and Melissa R. Malik '03 Van Oort, Adrian Henry, June 8, 2008.

David Woody '01 and Julie Woody, Andrew Leonard, May 15, 2008.

Jennifer DeVree '02 Kloosterman and Kevin Kloosterman, Kelvin Gerrit, March 19, 2008.

Corrie Durham '03 Hillary and Phil Hillary, Clare Ann, Aug. 13, 2008.

Mary Dunlap '03 Sankiewicz and Jeffrey Sankiewicz '03, Madelyn Marie, Aug. 7, 2008.

Joshua Vork '03 and Mindy Beukema '04 Vork, Kaila Jo, July 9, 2008.

Tamara Bovenkerk '04 Timm and Adam Timm, Donovan Michael, March 10, 2008.

Advanced Degrees

Paul Knoll '80, Master of Science in chemistry, Western Michigan University, April 2008, earning both Phi Kappa Phi and National Scholars Honor Society honors.

Betty Peterson '81 Picard, Master of Music in vocal performance, Michigan State University, 2005.

Kim Logie '83, Master of Arts in educational technology, June 28, 2008.

Jonathan Etterbeek '86, Doctor of Ministry, Houston Graduate School of Theology, May 18, 2008.

Julie Cataldo '88, Master of Social Work, Greater Rochester (N.Y.) Collaborative MSW program, June 2006.

Keith L. Granger '89, Executive MBA, University of Michigan, April 2008.

Nicole Mueller '93, M.A. in international relations, University of Chicago.

Robert Royer '95, M.Ed. in kinesiology, Stephen F. Austin State University.

William Kintz '97, master's degree in strategic intelligence, American Military University.

Matthew Stenberg '98, Doctor of Philosophy in history, Northwestern University, December 2007.

Kelli Anderson '99, master's degree in regulatory science, University of



A total of 123 students with generational ties are among the college's newest group of future alumni. From left to right are third-, fourth- and fifth-generation members of the Class of 2012. **Row 1:** Alex Griffin (5), Tiffany Bussies (5), Kaylan Davis (5), Leslie Vaas (5); **Row 2:** Christian Calyore (4), Rebekah Taylor (4), Eric Lunderberg (4), Renee Wynveen (4), Karissa Soeter (4), Katherine Voorhorst (4), Josh Droppers (4), Jack Droppers (4), Sam Joyce (4); **Row 3:** John Buck (3), Andrea Toren (3), Bekah Bush (3), Hannah Bush (3), Lindsey Sisson (4), Katherine Burgener (3), Meghan Broadbent (3), Caleigh DeVette (3), Anthony Vander Kolk (3), Zach Pedigo (3); **Row 4:** Erica Toren (3), Karianne Bechtel (3), Christina Nielsen (3), Ingrid Slette (3), Amanda French (3), Adam Morehouse (3), Peter Smith (3), Lauren Schira (3), Andrea Converse (3), Scott Howard (3). The full listing of all of this year's Generational New Students and their alumni ties can be found online at www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc.

Southern California, May 2008.

Shannon Powell '99 Fritchley, MAPS in women's ministry, Multnomah Biblical Seminary

Daniel McCue '99, master's degree in journalism and media studies, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, May 17, 2008.

James VanderHyde '99, Ph.D. in computer science, Georgia Tech, 2007.

Scott Hes '00, Master of Laws in taxation (LL.M.), Northwestern University of School Law, May 2008.

Andrew Ohm '00, MBA, Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan, April 2008.

David Bauer '01, Master of Science in psychology, University Wisconsin-Milwaukee, May 2005; Ph.D. in psychology, University Wisconsin-Milwaukee, August 2008.

Dana VanderLugt '01, master's degree in education, Aquinas College, August 2008.

Ian Fish '02, master's degree in educational leadership and administration, Chapman University.

Melissa Roop '02, Master of Arts in counseling, Western New Mexico University, May 2008.

Jeffrey Shand-Lubbers '02, Master of Arts in sociology, George Washington University, May 2008.

Jennifer Walvoord '02, Doctor of Musical Arts, University of Michigan, 2007.

Andria Hundt '03 Amendt, Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree, University of Michigan Medical School, May 9, 2008.

Joel Solomon '03, Master of Divinity, Regent University, May 6, 2006.

Mary Thwaites '03, Master of Education in educational leadership, Grand Valley State University, August 2008.

Lindsay Townsend '04 Cirrincione,

master's degree in educational leadership, Aurora University, May 2008.

Carrie Cole '04, master's degree in education, Malone College, December 2007.

Nathan Hahn '04, M.D., University of Michigan Medical School, May 9, 2008.

Jennifer Heidt '04, M.A. in counseling psychology, Western Michigan University, May 2008.

Elizabeth Horstman '05, Master of Arts in human resources and industrial relations, Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota, May 2008.

Ben Sanders III '05, Master of Divinity, Union Theological Seminary, May 2008.

Kelly Charland '06, Master of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago, May 2008

Keirsten Schwanbeck '06, Master of Music in cello performance, The Pennsylvania State University, May 2008.

Stephanie Van Stee '06, Master of Arts in communications, University of Kentucky, July 2008.

Deaths

The college is often privileged to receive additional information in celebration of the lives of members of the Hope community who have passed away. Please visit the expanded obituaries we have made available online if you wish to read more about those whose loss is noted in this issue.

 More **ONLINE**  www.hope.edu/pr/nfhc

Carol Yeckel '76 Bennett-Gerber of Manhattan, N.Y., died on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, after a long

battle with cancer. She was 53.

She was a writer, stage director and founding member of the WorkShop Theater Company, a small off-off-Broadway company specializing in developing new scripts.

Survivors include her husband of 25 years, Charles E. Gerber; her brother, David (Kathleen) Yeckel; a sister-in-law, Francine Rabin; and a niece and two nephews.

Jack G. Boeskool '51 of Coopersville, Mich., died on Friday, July 25, 2008. He was 81.

He taught vocal music in Birch Run, Mich., for three years, and then taught vocal music and English at Coopersville High School for 37 years.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Wilma Boeskool; two sons, Ken (Dawn) Boeskool and Kirk (Lois) Boeskool; one daughter, Karla Meeks; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his brother, Don (Jean) Boeskool; and several nieces and nephews.

Laurence Bruggers '41 of Sun City West, Ariz., died on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008. He was 88.

He was a veteran who served as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1946 to 1948 in The Philippines.

Following a medical residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Saginaw (Mich.) Hospital from 1948 to 1951, he was in private practice with Valley OB-GYN until 1986.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Edith Lois Bruggers, and a brother, Glenn Bruggers '48.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Bruggers; four children, Carol Sue Bruggers, Richard '69 (Jackie Spaeth '70) Bruggers, Donald Bruggers (Janice Cecere) and James Bruggers;



step-children, Karin Westermann (Jamie Gormley) and Jim (Lorraine) Westermann; a brother, Howard '50 (Henrietta Weener '50) Bruggers; a sister-in-law, Phyllis Voss '47 Bruggers; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Vicky Buck '91 of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, Aug. 4, 2008. She was 53.

She was a writer who had written for several local publications.

Survivors include her husband, Jay Buck; her son, Cody Buck; her mother, Judith Looman; her sister, Karen Walters; her father- and mother-in-law, Al and Joan Buck; and several sisters- and brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Carol TenHaken '60 Buitendorp of Winston-Salem, N.C., died on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. She was 73.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Raymond TenHaken.

Survivors include three children, Jeanne Betten, Bill Buitendorp and David Buitendorp; her sisters, Dorothy DeMaster, Eunice Heistand, Marjorie Shaver, Mary Stonesifer and Ruth Zimmerman; and four grandchildren.

Barbara Lubbers '55 DePree died on Friday, Aug. 29, 2008, in the Dominican Republic. She was 75.

She taught art at the Netherwood Elementary School and to the handicapped students of Dutchess BOCES during the 14 years that she lived in Hyde Park, N.Y.

She was preceded in death by a son, Steven.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth DePree '54, and two sons, David and Jeffrey.

Oliver J. Droppers '38 of Federal Way, Wash., died on Saturday, July 12, 2008. He was 92.

He was a broker for Seattle House and Home. He later started First Ave. Realty and developed several tracts in Federal Way.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Maria Rizzo Droppers; his second wife, Christine Droppers; a brother, Paul Droppers '41; and a sister, Felicia.

Survivors include his brother Carl (Ruth) Droppers; his son, O.J. (Marilyn) Droppers; his grandson, Oliver John (Danielle) Droppers V; one granddaughter; one great-granddaughter; a step-daughter, Joyce Backman; a step-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Paul Fugazzotto '35 of Rapid City, S.D., died on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2008. He was 95.

He earned a Ph.D. in microbiology and worked as a microbiologist from 1942 to 1956 in Michigan and

Indiana. He was a director of laboratory services from 1960 to 1970, serving in Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York. He retired as director of laboratories for the State of Nevada after serving from 1970 to 1981. He moved to Rapid City and continued research in urinary tract infection in his own laboratory, diagnosing and helping patients worldwide until ill health prevented his work in 2007. He wrote two books about his work that will be published posthumously.

Survivors include four children, Marilyn Fugazzotto '61 (Robert '61) Looyenga, David '63 (Pauline) Fugazzotto, Carolyn Rau, and Barbara Fugazzotto '68 (Charles Robertson); one brother, David Fugazzotto; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Max (Mag) A. Glupker '75 of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, July 19, 2008. He was 56.

Survivors include his son, Luke Glupker; his parents, Al and Carla Glupker; his brother, Curt '70 (Dianne) Glupker; his sister, Sheryll Hoekstra; and extended family, Nancy and Ben Danenberg, Martha Glupker, and his nephews.

Word has been received of the death of **Myrtle Overbeek '46 Goodin** of Holland, Mich., who died on Tuesday, July 29, 2008. She was 86.

Paul A. Hilbelink '71 of Pleasanton, Calif., died suddenly of a heart attack on Tuesday, April 3, 2007. He was 57.

For the past 33 years he worked as an engineering geologist, three of those years as a project manager for Kvaerner Environmental in Juneau, Alaska.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Elaine Kidd '71 Hilbelink; three children, Kacey Hilbelink '97 Craig, John Hilbelink and Adam Hilbelink; four grandchildren; his brothers, Larry Hilbelink and Ron '65 (Lorna Coons '67) Hilbelink; and his sister, Ann Hilbelink '80 (Gary '78) Camp.

John E. Huff '40 of Peoria, Ariz., died on Saturday, July 12, 2008. He was 92.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Looman '40 Huff, in 2000.

SSG Kenneth E. Korhorn Jr. '94 of Elgin, Ill., died suddenly of a heart attack on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008. He was 41.

For the past 18 years he served in the National Guard Reserves. He was a veteran of the Global War on Terrorism, serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan. He was scheduled to be re-deployed in two weeks.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Lou Korhorn.

Survivors include his son, Kenneth E. Korhorn III; his father, Kenneth (Donna) Korhorn Sr.; his sister, Kimberly (Kirk) Green; his brother, Kevin (Lori) Korhorn; and four nephews and a niece.

Donald J. Le Poire '63 of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, July 27, 2008. He was 75.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He retired following a 35-year career with General Electric.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Donna Le Poire; his children, Linda Lutke, Gayle (Fred) Kramer, and David (Eileen) Le Poire; eight grandchildren; four grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Bernie Le Poire, Rodger (Berdene) Le Poire, Harvey (Ruth) Le Poire, Frances (Junior) Schreur, Henry (Bonnie) Le Poire, Marvin (Donna) Le Poire, George (Barb) Le Poire, Wilma (Mark) Matthews, and Marilyn McComb; a brother-in-law, John (Patricia) Van Dyke; and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

Nicole McClain '98 Liechty of Thibodaux, La., died on Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, from injuries she sustained in a one-car accident. She was en route to the airport in New Orleans to travel to Holland, Mich., to celebrate her 10-year class reunion at Hope. She was 32.

She was a member of the Alabama State Bar Association and had worked at Starnes & Atchison law firm in Birmingham, Ala., since 2002.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, George Liechty; her grandfather, John McClain; and her great-grandfather, Albert Ryan.

Survivors include her husband of 10 years, Peter Liechty '97; her parents, Brad and Patricia Ryan McClain; her mother-in-law, Rita Liechty; her grandparents, William and Ellen Ryan and Marian McClain; her great-grandmother, Jean Ryan; her brother, Nathan McClain; and her sister, Nina McClain.

The photograph shows a memorial display that was prepared for the reunion brunch on Saturday, Oct. 4. She was also remembered during the Homecoming worship service on Sunday, Oct. 5.

John Lucius '44 of Phoenix, Ariz., died on Wednesday, July 23, 2008. He was 91.

He and his wife, Helga Sawitzky '46 Lucius, served RCA churches in Prattville and Astoria, N.Y., and Phoenix, Ariz. They also served on the mission field in Macy, Neb., and Dulce, N.M., and John served as the director of the Phoenix Indian School in Phoenix, Ariz.

Survivors in addition to his wife include his son, John (Sue Anne) Lucius.

John M. Macdonald '49 of Sarasota, Fla., died on Monday, Sept. 1, 2008. He was 82.

He taught chemistry and physics at Vicksburg (Mich.) High School, progressing to assistant principal, guidance director and finally principal, a




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position he served in for 17 years.

He was preceded in death by his sister Alma.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Joanne Macdonald; his daughter, Nancy Mabile; his sons, John Macdonald and Steven Macdonald; a sister, Grace Mashaw; a brother, Grant Macdonald; and seven grandchildren.

Edith Teune '53 McGehee of Lake Placid, Fla., died on Thursday, July 24, 2008. She was 76.

She was a teacher at Calvin Christian School in Chicago, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul McGehee.

Survivors include her son, Gary (Ruth Ann) McGehee; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several cousins.

A. Drew Miles '50 of Holland, Mich., died on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008. He was 81.

He was a veteran of World War II who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He worked in the insurance industry for 50 years, retiring in 1997 from Baker-Miles Insurance Agency after 20 years with his partner, Dale Baker.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Natalie, in 2002.

Survivors include his children, Susan Miles '74 (John) Knoll and Dick Miles; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Jane (Fred) Coleman; a sister-in-law, Rose Buter; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Harold L. Morrow '74 of Derry, N.H., died on Friday, Aug. 29, 2008. He was 62.

He was a veteran who served with the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

He was most recently employed by GMC Technologies in Boston, Mass.

Survivors include his wife of 19 years, Wendy Morrow; his children, Sarah Morrow and Geoffrey Morrow; his sister, Martha (Bruce) Whitcomb; and several nieces and nephews.

Stuart H. Post '60 of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., died on Thursday, July 3, 2008, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 70.

He taught at Whitehall, Muskegon and Orchard View high schools, all in Michigan. He was then head of counseling and assistant principal at West Ottawa Public Schools. He finished his years of employment in the admissions office at Hope.

Survivors include his wife, Deloris; his sons, Mark Post and David (Joanna) Post; three grandchildren; his step-children, Jeffrey (Kim) Neerken, Jackie Neerken (David Eggerding) and Pattie Neerken (Donald Aitken); four step-grandchildren; his brothers, Ernest '48 (Mary Ellen Brower '48) Post and Lynn '56 (Phyllis DeWeerd '56) Post; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Alfred H. Rauschenbach '51 of Andover, N.J., died on Saturday, July 19, 2008. He was 79.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy as an unrestricted line officer in Korea. After dental school, he continued his service in the Navy as a dental officer.

He was a doctor of dental surgery who practiced for 47 years.

He was preceded in death by his son, Kirk Rauschenbach, in 1968, and by a grandson in 2003.

Survivors include his wife, Winifred Rauschenbach; his children, Keith Rauschenbach, Sharon (Louis) Bardos, Deborah Rauschenbach, Mary Jo Yanvary (John Ty) and Shannon (Clayton) Baloché; five grandchildren; and his sister, Joan (Norman) Proctor.

Ruth Meppelink '39 Reidsma of Holland, Mich., died on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008. She was 89.

She taught school and worked in education for 36 years as an English teacher, reading specialist and librarian. Most recently she taught in the Holland Christian Schools before retiring in 1983.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon C. Reidsma '53, in 1996 and a sister, Lois Reynolds.

Survivors include her children, Carla Reidsma '65 (Bruce '65) Masselink, Ruth Mary (Garry) Kloosterman, Deborah (Steve) Hurley and Vernon '67 (Patty) Reidsma; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

John Robbert '37 of Holland, Mich., died on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008. He was 92.

He retired from General Motors Corporation after 29 years of service.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruthmary DuMez '38 Robbert, in 1997; a grandson; and siblings, Louis (Maxine) Robbert and Eunice (Jack) Fisher.

Survivors include his children, Jan '60 (Marilyn) Robbert, Mary Ann Robbert '64 Vande Vusse and Laurel (Alan) Serwer; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; brothers, Richard (Mary) Robbert, Paul (Roz) Robbert and Kenneth (Marlene) Robbert; and nieces and nephews.

Arthur Schoonveld '52 of Fishers, Ind., died on Thursday, May 17, 2007. He was 83.

He graduated from medical school and had a family practice in Brook, Ind., until he retired in 1993.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Schoonveld, in 2003, five sisters, including Margaret Schoonveld '51 Kraay, one brother and a granddaughter.

Survivors include five daughters, Sandra (David) Sutton, Mary (Carl) Pafford, Carolyn Williamson, Janice Schoonveld and Margaret Schoonveld; six sons, Michael (Peg) Schoonveld, Brian (Grace) Schoonveld, John (Pam) Schoonveld, Richard (Joyce) Schoonveld, Russell Schoonveld and Allen (Elaine) Schoonveld; two sisters, Marilyn Jonkman and Dorothy (Virgil) Bult; 24 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Fritzi Jonkman '44 Sennett of Holland, Mich., died on Friday, Aug. 8, 2008. She was 85.

She taught school for two years in Kalkaska, Mich., and then joined the staff of the *Holland Sentinel*. Later she worked as a legal secretary, spending most of her career with Cunningham Dalman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lincoln Sennett, in 1978.

Survivors include her sister, Anna Lucile Jonkman '48 Holland, and many nieces and nephews.

Janet C. Sebens '69 of Oak Harbor, Wash., died on Thursday, July 31, 2008. She was 61.

She taught physical education at Holland (Mich.) High School and served as the girls' basketball coach for three years. She taught in Pasco, Wash., for the next two years and later was a counselor in the Oak Harbor School District for 31 years, retiring in 2005.

Survivors include her brother, Kenneth Sebens '63; two sisters, Jayne Lovvorn and Susan Driver; and her mother, Rena Kenoyer.

Richard W. Vaughan '57 of Martinez, Ga., died on Monday, Aug. 4, 2008. He was 73.

He was a research microbiologist with several pharmaceutical companies and then went to Atlanta, Ga., for the start-up of the Nutra-Sweet plant.

Survivors include his wife, Deanna Deas '58 Vaughan; his children, Jeffrey '81 (Dawn) Vaughan and Scott (Elizabeth) Vaughan; and three grandchildren.

Nicholas C. Ver Hey '75 of Luling, La., died on Saturday, Oct. 20, 2007. He was 54.

He was the president of Collarini Associates.

He was preceded in death by his father, William J. Ver Hey '50.

Survivors include his wife, Lori Ver Hey, his children and his mother, Louise Rove '48 Ver Hey.

William Westrate '47 of Holland, Mich., died on Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008. He was 85.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army.

He practiced medicine in Holland with his brother, Warren Westrate, until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice Westrate, in 2000 and by his brother, Warren.

Survivors include his children, Robert (Jeanne) Westrate, Michael Westrate and Sally Westrate '91 (Mike) Carr; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his sisters, Yvonne (Joe) Logan and Barb (Dale) Grissen; his sister-in-law, Marcia Westrate; and many nieces and nephews.

Joyce Karsten '56 Zoet of Holland, Mich., died on Monday, Aug. 25, 2008. She was 74.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Andrew Karsten, Harvey Karsten and Bill Karsten, and her sister,

Marion Dutmer.

Survivors include her husband, Gene A. Zoet '56; her sons, Jon Zoet '83 and Tom Zoet; one grandson; her sister, Lorie Krikke; her sisters-in-law, Donna Karsten and Sharon Karsten; and several nieces and nephews.

Sympathy to

The family of **Leslie Beach** of Holland, Mich., who died on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008. He was 82.

He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

He retired from Hope in 1991 after serving on the psychology faculty since 1964. Prior to that, he taught psychology at the General Motors Institute, Whitworth College and Bowling Green State University. He was also a licensed psychologist with the State of Michigan.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Carla Beach; his children, Randy (Joan) McGrady-Beach, Lisa Beach '88 Boes and Michael Beach; six grandchildren; his brothers, Gerald (Marge) Beach and Richard (Lucille) Beach; and in-laws, Kim (Wade) Washington and Kelley (Carol) Cannon.

The family of **Anne Dirkse** of Holland, Mich., who died on Monday, July 7, 2008. She was 55.

She was a nurse practitioner.

Survivors include her husband, David Dirkse '73; her children, Andrew Dirkse, Emilie Dirkse '02 (Kent) Hansen and Elizabeth Dirkse; her father, Christian '48 (Judy) DenHerder; her mother, Jane Park; her siblings, Christine (Mike) Calyore and Martha (Brad) Piersma; a sister-in-law, Jean DenHerder; her parents-in-law, Lamont '50 and Ruth DeGraaf '50 Dirkse; and sisters-in-law, Sue '77 Dirkse (Bob '75) Carlson and Nancy Dirkse '81 (Scott '81) DeWitt.

The family of **Beverly Harper** of Holland, Mich., who died on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2008. She was 48.

She worked at Hope for the past 15 years, serving from 1994 to 1997 as part-time accounting assistant in business services, and then filling temporary roles in several offices until becoming budget coordinator for the dean of natural and applied sciences in October 1997. In May 2007 she was named assistant to the dean.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Harper; her children, Logan Thiem, Janessa Stam, Shaelie Harper and Drake Harper; her mother, Helen Stam; her sisters, Marlene (Howard) Kotman and Sherri Stam; and two nephews.





Hope's Reason for Being

They arrived on campus more than 800 strong, drawn from across the nation and around the world to become the Class of 2012. At this moment in August they are gathered collectively, but in the coming months and years the college's emphasis will be on their experience individually, with faculty and staff committed to helping each realize and shape his or her sense of calling through a mix that includes academics, spiritual-life programs, campus groups and residential life, the playing field, and added opportunities both on campus and beyond that draw on and expand the lessons offered by the others. Along the way, of course, they'll reconnect with each other and with peers both older and younger that they have yet even to meet, learning, playing and growing together, and forming friendships that will last a lifetime.

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CityMusic Cleveland
Nov. 6, 7:30pm
Dimnent Chapel
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Since exploding onto the scene in 2004, CityMusic Cleveland has created beautiful audiences with cheering audiences with come to play their first concert on tour ever at Hope College. The group has won critical acclaim for both their live performances and recordings.

Jazz Combos Concert
Nov. 10-11, 7:30pm
Wichers Auditorium
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This concert will feature Hope's finest students performing pieces they have been working on all semester. Hope College has a very active Jazz Studies Area that provides performance opportunities in both small groups and large ensembles, classes in history, theory, improvisation, and composition, and private jazz instruction.

Jack Ridd Visiting Writers Series of Hope College Welcomes Toni Blackman
Nov. 18, 7pm
Knickerbocker Theatre
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Poet Toni Blackman was the first Hip Hop artist selected to work as a Cultural Ambassador traveling with the U.S. State Department. She has performed in over sixteen different countries and has shared the stage with a host of artists including Mos Def, Sheryl Crow, Sara McLachlan, and Wu Tang Clan.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"
Nov. 29-30, 2pm
Holland Civic Theatre
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A heartwarming Christmas tale about a church Christmas pageant and the Herdman kids-probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem-the fun-when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head-on! Celebrate a traditional rite at a traditional rite.

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- Joint Orchestra/Wind Symph Concert Nov. 7, 7:30pm Dimnent Chapel [Press Release](#)
- Jazz Combos Concert Nov. 10, 11, 7:30pm Wichers Auditorium [Press Release](#)
- Vocal Jazz Workshop Nov. 12, 7:30 pm Depree Gallery [Press Release](#)
- Toni Blackman Nov. 18, 7:00pm Knickerbocker Theatre [Press Release](#)

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- Nov. 22 Saugatuck-Douglas Children's Film Festival Saugatuck Center for the Arts
- Nov. 29-30 "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Holland Civic Theatre

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